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Low key celebration but people rejoice

Thousands of people took to the streets and enjoyed a day out on the beach and parks as Kuwait yesterday marked the 29th National Day with low key official celebration.

No official ceremony was held in Kuwait City but official festivities were organised in outlying suburbs like Failaka and Ahmad.

The waterfront, which normally wears a barren look during the day, was crowded with families of all nationalities; not many people were in a hurry to get home, including motorists who, surprisingly, had slowed down despite clear roads. Children played on the beach and the young men drove around streets, with music blaring from their car stereos and singing to, perhaps, express their emotions.

In the morning, official celebrations with folklore dance and music were held in Failaka Island under the auspices of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. In mid-afternoon, Kuwaitis and residents thronged to the parks where folklore troupes performed in the Gazal Abdul Nasser Park in Fintas and Failaka Island.

In Ahmad, hundreds of people took part in the "Habibi Al Kuwait" (My Darling, Kuwait) marathon, organised by the Ahmad Governorate.

HH the Amir received a cable of congratulations from HH the Crown Prince, Sheikh Saad, who on behalf of the government pledged to continue working under the present leadership. Replying to the

prime minister's cable, the Amir has urged "all Kuwaitis to exert more effort toward their country's unity", Kuna reported.

The Amir of Kuwait received cables of congratulations from the heads of state of several Arab and Islamic states.

The 12-day official celebration, which began on Feb 17, seem to have given the young men to give vent to their pent up emotions. Over the past few days, the Arabian Gulf Street has been the scene of traffic jams and some rather unusual expressions like young men spraying paint and shaving foam on passers and cars.

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Jewish danger

UAE Crown Prince calls for new Opec quota

By Mohammed Zain
Editor, Al Seyassah

THE President of the United Arab Emirates, the government and its people believe that the Jewish immigration to Israel, is one of the most dangerous turning points in the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict since 1967, the Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme

Such unchecked Jewish immigration will lead to a dangerous imbalance in the population in favour of Israel, allowing it to annex the remaining parts of the Arab occupied lands.

He specifically commented that "emerging from its expansionist nature, Israel is looking to annex more Arab territories in the same manner that the Jewish immigration in the 30s and 40s of this century established the Jewish state in Palestine in 1948."

On oil quotas, Sheikh Khalifa said that the UAE has honestly worked for unity of Opec and for the stability of the oil market and had undergone quite a number of sacrifices. However, he said: "We are waiting for other members to share with us this sacrifice" and for the moment we believe that we have become victims of all the agreements on oil production quotas. "It has now become unacceptable for us after the latest Opec agreements to continue to bear these sacrifices alone and adversely affect our oil relations in the international market."

"We are looking forward to a new Opec quota accord that will reflect the UAE's natural size."

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100,000 Soviets rally for democracy



Lt Gen Bagdanov looks on from a rooftop as tens of thousands of demonstrators rally in Moscow. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Gorbachev go!'

Protesters demand radical changes.

MOSCOW, Feb 25. (Agencies): More than 100,000 pro-democracy demonstrators rallied peacefully today in the Soviet capital and smaller protests occurred in other cities, but activists said government intimidation held down participation.

Officials had warned all week that the Soviet Union's first nationwide protest could explode in violence, and security forces were deployed in most cities where major demonstrations were scheduled.

Gavril Popov, a member of the Congress of People's Deputies and one of the demonstration day organizers, told the crowd gathered beneath cloudy skies in Moscow that the Communist Party and government had engineered a campaign of fear to stifle the protests.

The rallies throughout the Soviet Union showed "that the people's vision of perestroika (reforms) and the vision of the leadership have begun to differ widely," Popov said.

The outdoor rally in Moscow failed to match a huge demonstration on Feb 4 that led to the call for a nationwide show of support for democratic reform.

One column today was led by a man with a bullhorn telling police and bystanders, "we represent no danger." But the size of the crowd grew through the afternoon as the initial tension gave way to a more relaxed and good-natured atmosphere.

Banners and slogans carried by many marchers called for the departure of Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev as well as that of his conservative Politburo rival Yegor Ligachev.

In Moscow one speaker, who was not identified, proclaimed over a microphone on the main inner ring road in front of the Foreign Ministry: "This demonstration has been called to demand the resignation of the (party) central committee and the Politburo so that the country can elect a leadership democratically."

Meanwhile, from the northern and southern ends of the Soviet Union independence moves by non-Russian nationalities gathered pace.

"We have been subjected to two weeks of intimidation and threats from the authorities through the official media," radical parliamentary deputy Yury Afanasyev told the chanting demonstrators in Moscow, referring to official calls for Muscovites to stay away from the rallies.

But we are here in good spirits to demand from the leadership of the country the radical changes that our society needs to bring it into the community of modern, civilised states," Afanasyev, a Communist Party member, declared.

Thousands of uniformed police and internal security troops guarded the authorized march route that encircles the city center. Sand-filled dump trucks, water trucks and snowplows sealed off all roads leading from the garden ring road into the downtown area, where the Kremlin and Red Square were guarded by more police posted about every 10 metres (yards).

In some parts of the country, the warnings and official attempts to restrain demonstrators clearly held down the turnout. Only about 5,000 demonstrators showed up at the officially authorized rally site in Leningrad, the nation's second city, after leaders of the People's Front movement called on their followers to boycott the event when authorities refused them permission to demonstrate in a downtown street.

Riot police who far outnumbered a small crowd that did try to demonstrate downtown without official permission broke up the attempt and dragged would-be protesters aboard waiting buses.

About 2,000 were said to have gathered in the central Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk, but activists there said many people went to the wrong places because state-controlled media had refused to report any plans for the rally.

Moscow organizers said they had received telegrams reporting rallies in about a dozen other cities, from Khabarovsk in the Soviet Far East through the Siberian towns of Irkutsk and Novosibirsk west to Minsk and Stavropol.

■ An hour before the rally in the sports complex in Leningrad, about a dozen activists in the Democratic Union, a radical group fighting to end the Communist Party's grip on power, gathered on a square outside the young spectators theater.

■ A column of 100 people surrounded the crowd and KGB plainclothes agents stood by, an officer approached and shouted through a megaphone that no demonstration was authorized.

A dozen riot police wearing white helmets and green bullet-proof vests then stormed in and dragged away several of the activists.

Pertini and Forbes die

ROME, Feb 25. (Agencies): The death today of ex-president Sandro Pertini, one of Italy's best-loved leaders, plunged the country into mourning for a former anti-fascist fighter who brought a warm, human touch to Italy's highest office.

In New York, Malcolm Forbes, colourful publisher of the business magazine that bears his name and an unabashed proponent of capitalism in all its forms, died of a heart attack in his sleep yesterday at his home. He was 70.

Large crowds of Italians stood silently, some weeping, outside Pertini's modest home near Rome's Trevi Fountain. He died of old age, in his sleep, at the age of 93.

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Security first, Cup later

KUWAIT, Feb 25. (AP): Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, the Chairman of the Higher Organising committee of the Arab Gulf Cup Soccer tournament being played here, threatened today to cancel the games if Kuwait's security was affected.

Sheikh Fahd, who is also the chairman of Kuwait Football Association and Kuwait Olympic Committee, was talking to local reporters a day after Kuwait and Oman players exchanged punches during their match and an anti-riot policeman knocked an Omani player unconscious with a club.

One Kuwait paper urged that the policeman be punished.

Sheikh Fahd accused the two Omani players of losing their tempers.

"Security and discipline in Kuwait should be given top priority," said Sheikh Fahd. "We will not compromise our

dignity and security even if the Gulf tournament is cancelled... such behaviour is foreign to international soccer matches."

Defending the Kuwaiti policeman, Sheikh Fahd said:

The policeman did not want violence or to beat the players, but was obliged to do so to the light of the irresponsible act of players who tried to attack policemen.

The referee, George Orcillas of Ecuador, dismissed Nasser Ghannan of Kuwait and Omani player Nasser Khamis in the second half after they exchanged punches.

Kuwaiti security forces circled the Oman team after the match ended to protect the referee, threatened by Omani players and administrators.

The captain of the Omani team Hisham Hamed tried to escape the circle and hit one of the Kuwaiti special forces personnel with his elbow, thus drawing a reaction from him," a local daily recounted.

Rebels vow to topple Aquino

Cory raps Enrile

MANILA, Feb 25. (AP): President Corazon Aquino, marking the fourth anniversary of her rise to power, vowed today never to allow a return to dictatorship and accused rival Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile of plotting against her.

"I shall never allow us to go back to that (dictatorial) system," Aquino told an estimated 30,000 people at ceremonies marking the February 1986 uprising that toppled the late Ferdinand Marcos.

"No matter how great the threats are, we will thwart their dark plans," said Aquino, who has survived six armed attempts to topple her government, most recently in December.

She called on Filipinos to "be vigilant" of mutinous soldiers who might try to stage another coup attempt.

In the speech, Aquino denounced Enrile for allegedly attempting to rewrite the history of the Feb 22-25, 1986, "people power" uprising.

The rebellion began with a military mutiny, led by then defence minister Enrile, which grew when hundreds of thousands of civilians poured into the streets to protect mutineers from Marcos' tanks.

Aquino said in a separate radio interview that the alliance with Enrile's followers had been a "shotgun marriage" that fell apart because of plots against her.

Last Friday, Enrile "apologised" for having helped install Aquino. Enrile was fired as defence minister in November 1986 after a failed coup by his followers.

"Never have I heard of such a thing as an 'Enrile power' revolution," Aquino told the cheering crowd. "I will talk to Mr Enrile or his minions if they are listening: Mr Enrile, have you no shame?"

She said that without popular support, Enrile and his fellow mutineers would have been crushed by Marcos and that the opposition senator "gets very nervous in a crisis."

Aquino waves to a crowd during a rally in Manila. At left is former president Diosdado Macapagal and House Speaker Ramon Mitra. (Reuters wirephoto)

"Be a man," she said. "Or better yet, be a woman."

She thanked the people for their support, saying:

"Without you, Enrile could have harmed me and I would not be president now. You did not abandon me."

Aquino called Enrile "the great kibitzer" who "wanted to grab the ball as soon as his team was losing and be team captain himself," a reference to his abandoning Marcos in 1986.

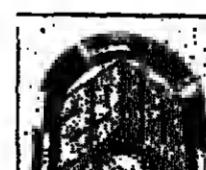
Army rebels of the "Reform the Armed Forces Movement" which helped force Marcos into exile repeated past pledges to try and oust her.

■ An army major with a 300,000 peso (\$13,600) bounty for alleged involvement in the December failed coup has surrendered to authorities, a military report said today.

Maj. Lyle Tugbong surrendered Tuesday night to members of security group, the report said.

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Pertini (left) with US President George Bush.

Forbes

Campaign ends for Indian state polls

By Thomas Abraham
Arab Times correspondent

NEW DELHI, Feb 25: Campaigning ended today in India for Tuesday's elections to choose new legislative assemblies in eight states and one union territory in a crucial electoral battle that will largely determine the future course of Indian politics.

Apart from the individuals involved, there can be little doubt that the outcome of the elections will significantly shape the fortunes of the country's three main political parties — the Janata Dal, the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party.

For the Congress, still licking its wounds after being ousted from power at the centre in last November's general elections, it has virtually become a struggle for survival. The party is in

power in all the states going to the polls, and another defeat could spell the doom for the country's largest and oldest political party.

The elections will also be a sort of referendum on the performance of the National Front government, of which the Janata Dal headed by Prime Minister V.P. Singh is the single largest constituent.

And amidst all this, the elections will show whether the BJP, playing from a position of strength after the 86 seats it won in the Lok Sabha poll, succeeds in its bid to acquire power in at least five states — Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra.

The assembly elections are being held less than three months after the general elections and will be the acid test for both Singh and his predecessor Rajiv Gandhi. A victory in at least some of the states

would come as a big morale booster for the Congress and Rajiv personally.

Serious doubt has been raised by some of his partymen about Rajiv's leadership qualities and vote-catching abilities. A loss in Tuesday's elections could spark off either an internal revolt in the party or large-scale desertions.

Spirits in the Congress camp cannot be very high on the eve of the polls, considering the fact that they have already been humiliated and lost power in Manipur, which on Feb 12 became the first Indian state to hold elections after the Lok Sabha poll.

Last Friday, Rajkumar Ranbir Singh was sworn in as Chief Minister of the north-eastern Indian state at the head of a six-party coalition government. Ranbir Singh belongs to the Manipur People's Party, a regional group, whose coalition partners

include the Janata Dal the Congress (S) and the CPI. The combined opposition front won 32 out of the 58 seats for which elections were held, leaving the Congress with just 26.

The states where elections will be held on Tuesday are Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Orissa, along with the union territory of Pondicherry. A record number of more than 21,300 candidates are in the fray for 1611 seats with a total electorate of about 21.5 million people.

Elections will be held for 324 seats in Bihar, 319 in Madhya Pradesh, 288 in Maharashtra, 199 in Rajasthan, 182 in Gujarat, 147 in Orissa, 65 in Himachal Pradesh, 57 in Arunachal Pradesh and 30 in Pondicherry.

In view of the large scale violence witnessed

during the November elections and the incidents during the poll in Manipur last week, the authorities have made elaborate security arrangements to ensure the peaceful conduct of polling this week. More than 500 companies of para-military forces will be deployed in the various states, in addition to the local police.

Three Congress (I) candidates have already been returned unopposed to the 60-member assembly in Arunachal Pradesh, elections have been postponed in three constituencies of Himachal Pradesh because they will stay snow-bound till May. Elections in Bihar, Himachal and Nandini Satpathy (Orissa), former Orissa chief minister J.B. Patnaik, considered a strongman in his state, has opted out of the polls this time.

Many stalwarts are in the fray for Tuesday's poll. They include several chief ministers like Sharad

Pawar (Maharashtra), Madhavji Solanki (Gujarat), Gengap Apan (Arunachal), Hemanshu Biswal (Orissa), Shyam Charan Shukla (Madhya Pradesh), Herideo Joshi (Rajasthan), Jagannath Mishra (Bihar), Vir Bhadra Singh (Himachal) and M.O. H. Farooqi (Pondicherry).

Other prominent leaders in the contest are former chief ministers Amrit Singh Chaudhary and Chhannulal Patel (Gujarat), Arjun Singh (Madhya Pradesh), Ram Lal (Himachal), Bhairon Singh Shekhwat (Rajasthan) and Nandini Satpathy (Orissa), former Orissa chief minister J.B. Patnaik, considered a strongman in his state, has opted out of the polls this time.

Manmohan Singh, Chief Minister of Punjab, is seeking a seat in the state assembly in a by-elections in Meham.

Women protest in Kashmir

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readiness for personal sacrifice.

The processionists sang a popular martial song that was played repeatedly by Radio Pakistan during the 1965 Indo-Pakistan war and included the lyrics: "Wake Up, the Time For Your Martyrdom Has Come. Wake Up in the Name of Allah."

At the UN offices, the protesters presented a single-page memorandum urging the international organisation to take up the issue of Kashmir, which India contends is an internal matter.

The memorandum asked the United Nations to "show your supremacy all over the world by solving the Kashmir issue on humanitarian grounds at the earliest without any further bloodshed."

More than 100 people, most of them protesters shot by security forces, have died since a pro-independence movement exploded into the anti-India uprising on Jan 20, ignited by the shooting of demonstrators.

Authorities have managed to keep the lid on the insurrection only by deploying tens of thousands of combat-ready troops and police across the Kashmir valley. Security forces have largely remained passive bystanders during major anti-India demonstrations staged daily in Srinagar since Friday.

Nepal cracks down

Massive arrests as police thwarts demo bid

KATHMANDU, Feb 25: (Agencies): Riot police moved in and arrested black-flag waving protesters when they arrived on the capital's main shopping district to begin a planned march for multiparty democracy today.

Activists said at least 1,000 people were taken into custody, mostly in the capital, as hundreds of riot policemen patrolled the streets to enforce a government ban on political demonstrations.

Witnesses said they saw at least 150 militants arrested when they came out in threes and fours waving black flags and shouting "long live the revolution" from buildings in the new road district — a maze of

shops, boutiques, restaurants and tourist lodges built around the king's former palace.

The government refused comment on the arrests.

Tension ran high as hundreds of steel-helmeted police officers and plainclothesmen patrolled the 3-square-kilometres (2-square-mile) area, watched by throngs of tourists and some reporters.

The planned march was part of nation-wide demonstrations called by two banned political groups to demand restoration of multiparty democracy in the Himalayan kingdom, one of the world's oldest monarchies.

Pakistan denies rights abuses

ISLAMABAD, Feb 25. (Reuter): The Pakistan government has rejected US charges of human rights abuses and called a State Department report an attempt to malign the people of Pakistan.

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's government took serious exception to the report, calling it "a classical example of disinformation," a government statement said.

The State Department's annual report on human rights released last week, sharply criticised Pakistan.

It said police commonly tortured people in custody, religious minorities faced discrimination and officially controlled news papers, television and radio suppressed news about the opposi-

tion. Information on the fate of the marches in other parts of the country was not immediately available.

According to the government, at least 12 people have been killed since the movement began Feb 18, inspired by the Nepali Congress Party and a left-wing coalition. Activists say the death toll is nearly double the government figure.

Shops were closed and only police vans and a few private vehicles were allowed in the usually-bustling new road where the Nepali Congress and the coalition had announced separate processions.

Those arrested included Hari Bol Bhatarai, former mayor of Kathmandu and a senior member of the Nepali Congress, and Padma Ratna Tuladhar, a left-wing member of the National Assembly, said the witnesses who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Also arrested during the demonstration were Hamanta Bahadur, a member of the 21-member Leftist Front, and Mahesh Mani Dixit, a prominent member of the banned Com-

mittee.

The led a demonstration in front of the US cultural centre with black flags for about three minutes when police arrested them.

Sporadic demonstrations were reported from other parts of the city and nearby towns of Patan and Bhaktapur.

The witnesses, contacted by telephone, said police also arrested demonstrators in the south-eastern town of Dharan, where another procession was planned.

Three members of the Nepal Bar Association, including ex-chairman Mukunda Regmi, were arrested, the association said today.

Opposition leaders also asked supporters to switch off their lights for one minute at 7 pm Sunday and plunge the normally peaceful capital into darkness.

Many shops and businesses in Kathmandu remained closed even though opposition leaders had not called a general strike.

"How can I open my shop," said Gopal Shrestha, who operates a stationery store in the capital. "The heavy police turnout has created a panic situation. I am not afraid of the demonstrators ... they have not looted my shop."

The government says at least 175 people were arrested before Sunday. Activists put the figure at more than 1,000.

Earlier today, more than 100 doctors and nurses in the country's largest hospital walked off their jobs for one hour in support of the democracy movement.

Indian troops continue to leave Lanka

COLOMBO, Feb 25: (Kuna): Three hundred and eighty soldiers of the Indian Peace-keeping Force (IPKF) along with five heavy vehicles left yesterday for India from the Sri Lankan northern port of Kankesanthurai, a senior official of the island's joint Operations Command (JOC) said.

The official said there were no fresh arrivals of Indian soldiers to replace those who left the country.

The IPKF forces in the northern Jaffna peninsula have moved to villages close to Kankesanthurai to enable them to leave the country as early as possible, the official said.

All these IPKF troops, about 5,000 of them, are likely to leave for India before March 15, 1990, the official said further.

Meanwhile, a five-member delegation of the Eelam People's Revolutionary Front (EPRLF) will leave shortly for Madras, India's Tamil Nadu for discussions with the Chief Minister of that Indian state, Muthuvel Karunanidhi, concerning the dissolution of Sri Lanka's north-eastern provincial council.

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Dhaka University students carry the body of Shahidul Islam Chunnu who was killed in a campus gunbattle (Rautar wirephoto)

Two killed in Dhaka

University violence

DHAKA, Feb 25, (AP): Rival student political groups fired pistols and sawed-off shotguns and hurled homemade bombs at each other at Dhaka University today, killing at least two people and wounding 12, police and witnesses said.

Vice-Chancellor Abdul Mannan said the university was being closed indefinitely from tomorrow and students in the 13 dormitories have been asked to leave the campus by tonight.

The fighting erupted when supporters of two opposition parties, the Awami League and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, tried to conduct rallies at the same place at the same time. The police called the rallies to protest attacks on each other's supporters last Wednesday when 40 people were injured.

Hours after the university clash, Awami League supporters hurled stones and damaged about 12 vehicles in front of the Awami League office in central Dhaka.

In the university, demonstrators fired at least 100 rounds of ammunition and threw a series of small bombs during the 40-minute clash, according to policemen who

spoke on condition of anonymity. Police fired rifles in the air and tear-gas to break up the fighting but said no one was injured by their fire.

Shahidul Islam Chunnu, a leader of the Bangladesh Students League which is affiliated with the Awami League, was shot in the forehead and died instantly, police said.

The identity of another slain student was not immediately known.

Campus rallies frequently turn violent in Bangladesh. Wednesday's trouble started during commemorations marking the anniversary of the deaths in 1952 of people who are known as "the language martyrs." The 1952 killings by police occurred during a demonstration to make Bangla an official language in the then East Pakistan.

The Awami League and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party both oppose the government of President Hussain Muhammad Ershad, but supporters of the two parties often clash.

"I would hang Nicu by his tongue."

Nadia's life of terror

BUCHAREST, Feb 25, (Renter): Champion gymnast Nadia Comaneci was repeatedly beaten and had her finger nails torn out during a bizarre five-year relationship with the megalomaniac son of Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, her mother said today.

"I would like to hang him by his tongue and watch him die," said Alexandrina Comaneci, whose daughter captivated the world by winning three gold medals and scoring perfect 10 at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.

Having her wages stopped to Nicu's orders so that she would be even more dependent on him.

"Nadia used Nicu as a toy, as a plaything, for his own entertainment. Can you imagine what her life must have been like with that son of a bitch?" said Alexandrina.

She said Nicu first became obsessed with Nadia, now 28, when she was the country's leading sports personality in the 1970s.

After Nicolae Ceausescu appointed his son youth minister in 1981, Nicu employed Nadia as a gymnastics coach and choreographer.

"Nadia was soon at Nicu's mercy. After she retired from competitive gymnastics she needed work. She was also short of money because all her earnings had been used by the Ceausescu family."

"He began telephoning her at home and calling on our house in a drunken state. Then he began threatening her and had her pay stopped."

"Nadia refused his advances and he would like to see Nicu punished. Alexandrina's eyes narrowed as she pondered for a few moments.

"When I think of the ordeal she went through ... when I think of her body blue with bruises from head to toe."

"I would like him to suffer she did. I would hang him die — no ordinary death would be good enough for that man."

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Tycoon Forbes dies in sleep

Leaves \$1 billion estate

NEW YORK, Feb 25, (Agencies): Malcolm Forbes, colourful publisher of the business magazine that bears his name and an unabashed proponent of capitalism in all its forms, died of a heart attack in his sleep yesterday at his home, a spokesman for the magazine said. He was 70.

Forbes was pronounced dead yesterday afternoon at his home in New Jersey, said the spokesman, William Donald Garson, director of corporate communications for Forbes Inc.

Forbes, known for his motorcycles, luxury parties and balloon flights, had returned last morning from a trip to London, Garson said.

Chairman and chief shareholder of Forbes Inc., Forbes' worth has been estimated at from \$400 million to \$1 billion by various sources.



Forbes and Elizabeth Taylor shown together at his 70th birthday party in Morocco last year. (Reuter wirephoto)



Forbes photographed on his motorbike. (Reuter wirephoto)

Ivana's past

Ex-hubby to spill beans

NEW YORK, Feb 25, (UPI): The battle of the Trumps took another bizarre twist when a man who claimed to be Ivana Trump's ex-husband offered his story "to the highest bidder," the New York Post reported yesterday.

Alfred Winklmayr, 44, wed Ivana in 1971 so that she could obtain a passport and flee her native Czechoslovakia, the Post said. The marriage lasted just two years and was apparently never consummated.

"Yes, I was married to Ivana," said a man who telephoned the Post claiming to be Winklmayr. "I'm confirming that. I'll be selling my story to the open market."

The Austrian businessman, who said he now lives in Sidney, Australia, with his wife, declined to say how much he would ask for the rights to his story, but said he hired a lawyer to negotiate for him.

A Post story last week,

headlined "Ivana's dark past," reported the former blonde model and competitive skier bid episodes of her past that could have tarnished the Trump image. The story was based partially on reports in the London Sun and the London Daily Mail.

The article also said her estranged husband was "stunned" at Ivana's deceptions.

Ivana on Wednesday publicly revealed for the first time an earlier marriage to a man the Sun said died two years after the wedding.

Miebael Kennedy, Ivana's attorney, sent a letter to Post editor Jerry Nachman accusing the newspaper of printing inaccuracies about his client's upbringing, parents, educational background and romantic history.

Kennedy, said the story, published on Friday, was "false and malicious" and called for it to be corrected immediately.

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LOS ANGELES: Actress Marlo Hemingway and other celebrities upset about aerial pesticide spraying against the medly were among hundreds of protesters demanding a halt to the overhead dustings.

Actor John Ratzenberger, who appears on the television series "Cheers," and actress Allyce Beasley, from the programme "Moonlighting," also turned out for a demonstration Monday at the federal building.

"It seems those politicians with a hard-line, hard attitude are building a gallery with this issue, and I'm more than happy to be standing up there with the rope," Ratzenberger said.

The state is spraying large areas of Los Angeles and Orange counties to wipe out the worst infestation of the crop-destroying bug since 1981-82. Helicopters drop a mixture of the pesticide malathion and sticky corn syrup bait.

Leona Spaeny, agriculture commissioner for Los Angeles county, has repeatedly said the spraying is safe. He says it will be stopped when the state can find enough sterile medflies to stall breeding. (AP)

CHARLESTON, West Virginia: Buckling up your car seat belts may pay off again in West Virginia.

West Virginia state Senator Ned Jones has introduced a bill that would give police officers the authority to hand out lottery tickets to belt-wearing motorists.

The bill, introduced Monday, would exclude drunken drivers or motorists who violate the speed limit by more than 10 miles an hour.

It would be up to the state police to determine how to dole out the lottery tickets, which would not be awarded unless everyone in an auto had their seat belts on.

The legislature recently voted down a bill to require motorists to wear seat belts. Jones said his approach is just the ticket.

"Now we're just the carrot instead of the stick," he said. (AP)

ROCHESTER, New York: A man sitting in his living room was shot and killed by a bullet that was fired through the floor of the apartment he police said.

Vernon Russell, 76, was shot Tuesday, said Police Commander Michael Murray. Clifford Jackson, 52, who lives in the apartment above Russell's, was charged with second-degree manslaughter, police said.

Jackson pleaded innocent before Gates Town Justice John Plastow. He was sent to the Monroe county jail in lieu of bail.

There was no dispute between the neighbours, and Jackson did not intend to shoot Russell, Murray said. He decided to decline to say why the firearm was pointed at the floor. (AP)

LAGOS, Nigeria: Nigeria's high court has banned the publication or sale of the memoirs of former leader General Olusegun Obasanjo.

The injunction, issued Monday and published Tuesday, came at the request of Judge Tunde Ebi, a judge of the International Court of Justice in The Hague who is suing Obasanjo for alleged libel in the book, "Not My Way".

Ebi alleges the publication portrays him as incompetent in managing Nigeria's judicial affairs while chief justice of this West African nation in the 1970s.

He is claiming \$15 million in damages from the retired general, whose book outlined events in Nigeria under his leadership from 1976 to 1979.

Obasanjo returned Nigeria to civilian rule, but it lasted only until 1963, when elected civilian President Shehu Shagari was ousted by the military. The present leader Gen. Ibrahim Babangida has promised a return to civilian rule in 1992. (AP)

HONG KONG: Five men hijacked a van at Hong Kong airport and escaped with \$500 watches worth \$3.8 million, police reported.

Police said the robbers, two of whom appeared to be armed with pistols, committed the robbery after the vehicle had been loaded with 40 boxes of watches at the cargo handling area.

Police gave the following report:

The robbers tied up two security guards and the driver and drove the van to an open area where they transferred the boxes to another vehicle. They then drove off. The security guards managed to untie themselves and reported the robbery to police.

No one was injured in the Thursday hijack. (AP)

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts: Actor Kiefer Sutherland says the man of the year honour from Harvard University's "Nasty Pudding" Theatricals is one of his first awards, and he treats it "with more reverence than you might think."

Sutherland, who has starred in such films as "Bell, Book and Candle," "No Way Out," "The Untouchables," and "Field of Dreams," received the traditional Nasty Pudding Pot from the undergraduate theatrical group Tuesday, then fell right in with the college clowns.

The theatrical group said some of Sutherland's lesser known roles caught its attention.

"What first attracted our eye was the soul-searching in such films as 'Night Shift' and 'Sizzler Beach USA,'" joked Shara Owyang, a junior and one of the show's producers. (AP)

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PEOPLE AND PLACES



Twins turn 100

Twin sisters Therese Maziare (left) and Elisa Galle blow out the candles of their centenary birthday cake on Feb 24. The sisters born in Algiers in 1890, celebrated their 100th birthday, which according to the French National Statistics Institute had only one chance in 50 million of happening. (Reuter wirephoto)

Jackson

Money-maker

BERWICK HILLS, California, Feb 25, (AP): CBS Records has signed singer Michael Jackson as the label's biggest money-maker of the 1980s, when fans bought more than 10 million of his records.

"I have to say now, no album sells itself," the 31-year-old singer said at a Tuesday news conference. "It is up to the people to buy it."

In a typically truncated speech, Jackson thanked "all the children of the world," several record industry executives and his parents.

VALDEZ, Alaska: Winter Carnival organisers here in Alaska's snow capital are projecting a big turnout for an unusual screening of the "Snowball Drive-in Movie."

The 1960s movie, "Back to the Beach," starring Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello, will be projected against a 15-foot (5-metre) high

"I Just Called to Say"

Wonder wins suit against song

LOS ANGELES, Feb 25, (AP): Pop star Stevie Wonder says justice is sweet following a jury's rejection of a \$25 million claim that his Academy Award-winning song "I Just Called To Say I Love You" was stolen from another songwriter.

The plaintiff, Lloyd Chizaiate, claimed Wonder's song, part of the movie soundtrack for "Woman in Red," was taken from a song he wrote titled "I Just Called to Say."

"I knew the truth in my heart all along," said Wonder. "I'm very sorry a lot of people had to spend a lot of precious time in this courtroom. But I do appreciate and respect justice."

Wonder, 39, offered to try to smooth over the dispute by writing a song with Chizaiate and Lee Garren, co-author of "I Just Called To Say," and donate the proceeds to charity.

"Then we all really win," Wonder said.

Chizaiate was not present when the jury announced its verdict Thursday.

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Colombia leftists free US hostages

BOGOTA, Feb 25. (Reuters): Leftist guerrillas have freed two American hostages seized in protest against US President George Bush's visit to Colombia; police said.

James Arthur Donnelly, 62, an industrialist, and David Leslie Kent, 40, a teacher, were freed yesterday in mountains about 150 km (90 miles) northwest of the capital and were returned to the Medellin area, Donnelly said.

"We were treated fine all the time," he said by telephone. "As an American they didn't treat me bad at all. I was drinking Coca-Cola all day, and I was reading some books..."

The National Liberation Army (ELN) kidnapped Donnelly on February 12. Kent was abducted a day later, and they were held at the same camp, where Kent was allowed to receive treatment for hepatitis, Donnelly said.

The ELN had told local media the abductions were a protest against Bush's February 15 visit for an anti-drugs summit with leaders of cocaine-producing Colombia, Peru and Bolivia.

Donnelly said the guerrillas voiced some anger at the United States but that he and Kent were released to convey the message that captured guerrillas should be treated humanely.

"They would like to have their guerrillas, when they were captured, treated under the Geneva Convention laws," the industrialist, whose wife is Colombian, said from his home in Guerne, near Medellin.

The rebels gave Donnelly a message for the Colombian government — that "the country's rich people will be punished if any more guerrillas disappear or if there are any more massacres of peasants."

Right-wing death squads have killed more than 1,000 persons in the last four years, many of them peasants who apparently were believed to be guerrilla sympathizers.

Kent conveyed a message to reporters saying the ELN would punish Colombia's "oligarchy" in the case of another massacre or "disappearance," apparently referring to action by government forces.



Several members of the Salvadoran High Command including the Chief of Staff Rene Emilio (left) pay their respects to ex-president Jose Napoleon Duarte. (Reuter wirephoto)

Salvador pays last respects to Duarte

Condolence pours in

SAN SALVADOR, Feb 25. (UPI): With condolences pouring in from around the world and a truce declared by the country's guerrillas, El Salvador prepared the funeral ceremonies for former president Jose Napoleon Duarte, who walked a tortured political road hoping to be remembered as the father of Salvadoran democracy.

5th Brigade commander Col Jesus Chavez Caceres claimed rebel forces had disregarded the truce and attacked military positions. The military officers said that during armed confrontation between the two sides, rebels killed Lt. Jose Raul Cortes and four soldiers and wounded 13 other troops. At the same time four rebels died and 10 others were wounded, he said.

Duarte, once beaten and exiled by the Salvadoran army, returned in 1979 and in 1984 became El Salvador's first freely elected president in 53 years.

The country's rebels, in a statement issued in Mexico City, called a two-day unilateral ceasefire beginning Saturday "in a gesture to promote understanding among the Salvadoran people and to expedite the expres-

sion of mourning among diverse national sectors and international figures."

The Salvadoran armed forces, however, downplayed the rebels' unilateral ceasefire. Hours later Salvadoran army accused the rebels of breaking their own self-proclaimed ceasefire.

Two Central American presidents and US Vice President Dan Quayle announced they plan to attend Sunday's funeral for Duarte, who died Friday after a long battle with cancer. Other delegations were still being formed.

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Panama freezes drug-linked bank accounts

PANAMA CITY, Feb 25. (Reuters): The Panamanian government has frozen more than 200 bank accounts it believes are linked to members of the notorious Medellin drug cartel and to ousted strongman General Manuel Noriega, a local newspaper reported yesterday.

The daily *Panama America* quoted a government official as saying the government ordered the accounts frozen on Friday and had taken the action based in part on information provided by the US Drug Enforcement Administration.

Among the seized accounts were those linked to Gonzalez Rodriguez Gacha, a leader of the drug cartel killed last year by Colombian authorities, and to Eduardo Martinez, a cartel leader extradited to the United States,

according to Victor Manuel Aldama, a senior official in the Ministry of Public Affairs.

The banks holding the accounts were not identified, but the paper reported Aldama as saying that no more than \$9 million were seized.

Noriega, deposed after US armed forces invaded his country last December 20, surrendered to US authorities January 3 and is being held in Miami awaiting trial on drug-trafficking charges.

During Noriega's rule, Panama became a centre for money-laundering operations by drug traffickers. A new US-supported government has vowed to help the United States battle drug-trafficking.

CANADIAN IMMIGRATION — WINNERS AND LOSERS

by John Garull and Benito Rotella

PART THREE: The ABC of the Business Investor Program

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Ortega sees victory, better ties with US

Nicaraguans go to polls with hopes of peace

MANAGUA, Feb 25. (Agencies): Nicaraguans turned out early today at polling stations to choose between leftist President Daniel Ortega and the opposition conservative candidate, publisher Violeta Chamorro, with Ortega predicting a Sandinista victory and friendlier relations with United States.

Polling was orderly in Managua and the city was calm.

Scores of uniformed soldiers of the Sandinista army lined up at a polling station near army headquarters in Managua. One of them, Victor Brenis, 38, said the vote was very important "to show imperial-

ism that we have a democracy here."

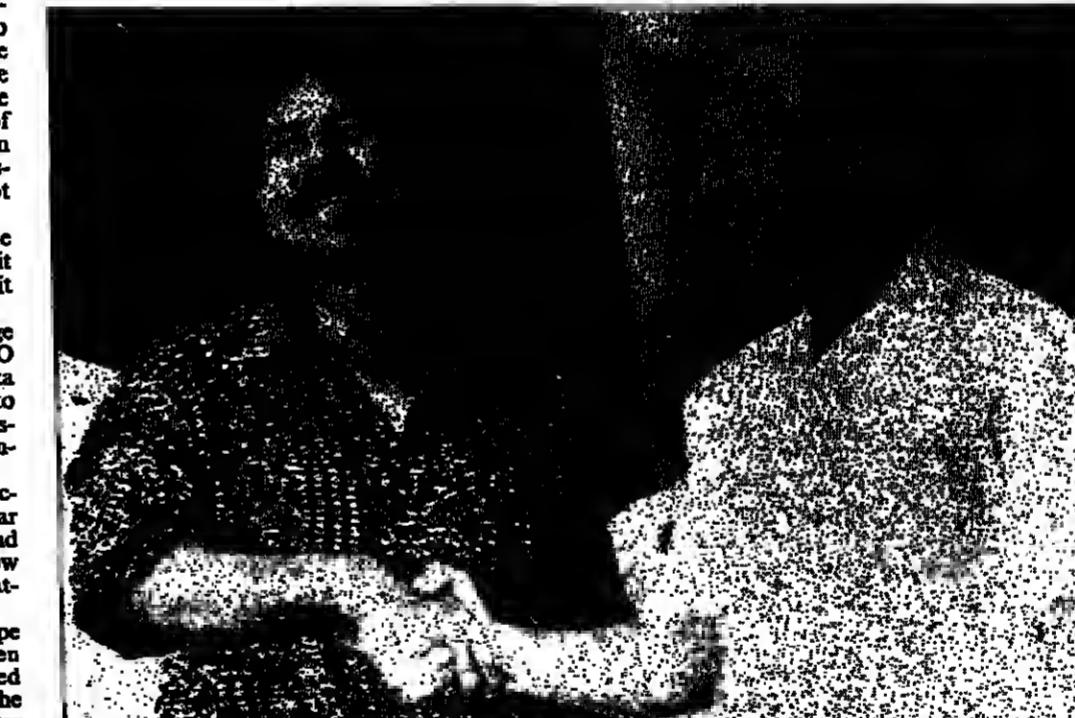
Ortega, standing for re-election for the Sandinista National Liberation Front, which has ruled for 10 years, was the first person to vote at a polling station near his house in central Managua.

Cheered by voters and mobbed by hundreds of journalists, Ortega said he was confident the Sandinistas would win the polls.

Ortega is running against La Prensa publisher Chamorro of the US-backed National Opposition Union, a centre-right coalition. She cast her vote later in the day.



Nicaraguan First Lady Rosario Murillo talks with her husband Ortega. (Reuter wirephoto)



Former US president Jimmy Carter (right) shakes hands with Ortega. (Reuter wirephoto)

Report cites on NY area-bound jets

Airliners often low on fuel

NEW YORK, Feb 25. (UPI): Aviation officials investigating last month's crash of an Avianca jetliner that apparently ran out of fuel say at least 20 other jets in local skies experienced similar low-fuel crises during the past seven years, the Daily News reported today.

The UNO still fears that the Sandinistas could try to steal the elections through fraud.

■ Carter said yesterday he would urge the United States to establish normal relations with Nicaragua immediately if Sunday's general elections proved to be clean.

■ Sandinista government will apply for a standby loan from the International Monetary Fund if wins Sunday's general election, Planning and Budget Minister Alejandro Martinez Cucuna said.

■ In an eerie parallel to the Avianca crash, one flight crew's declaration of a fuel emergency was never relayed to air traffic controllers at Kennedy international airport.

■ Controllers will diverted the commuter plane, and the jet landed safely.

■ In another case, a co-pilot told safety officials his captain at first refused to divert his jet, scheduled to land in Newark, New Jersey, just outside New York City, to a closer landing at Philadelphia despite a serious fuel leak.

■ The Avianca crew's warning they were running low on fuel also was not relayed to Kennedy controllers, and the jet slammed into a Long Island hillside when its fuel-starved engines suddenly stopped.

The pilot of a plane identified only as "a large jet" told investigators looking for evidence of a pattern in the wake of the Avianca crash, the News said.

■ Seven of the 20 jets declared fuel emergencies, which clears a path for an immediate landing, the News said.

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The highpoint of today's activities begins at 7 pm local time (2100 GMT) when some 40,000 dancers, representing

eight "samba schools" — actually neighbourhood clubs from poor, mostly black districts — parade downtown through the six-block-long "sambodrome" area.

The "schools," with most female participants clad only in rhinestone bikinis and feather head-dresses, and led by thousands of percussionists, dance alongside huge floats to compete for a championship based on points awarded for

music, costumes, rhythm, and seven other categories.

ARAB TIMES, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1990

Role of Nazi hunter disputed

WASHINGTON, Feb 25. (AP): The founder of Israel's security services says famed Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal played no significant role in the capture of Adolf Eichmann 30 years ago, despite Wiesenthal's claims to the contrary.

Wiesenthal had no role whatever in either the discovery, the identification or the capture of Adolf Eichmann, Israel Harel says in an unpublished manuscript made available to the Associated Press.

Harel challenges the enduring legend of Wiesenthal as the dogged tracker who supplied key information that enabled Israeli agents to locate the Nazi fugitive in Argentina.

While not an entirely new dispute — Harel and Wiesenthal clashed years ago — the Harel manuscript was the most detailed effort yet to debunk Wiesenthal's claims.

"This is a matter of jealousy," Wiesenthal said in a telephone interview from Vienna.

Harel said he held off disputing Wiesenthal before now because he did not want to "give satisfaction to Jew-haters and Nazi sympathizers."

But Harel said he could no longer keep quiet. He said that although he could not publish the manuscript commercially, he wanted it preserved for historians. "History must express the truth about this case," he said.

With few exceptions, the 79-year-old Harel has avoided the spotlight. He found Mossad, the legendary Israeli intelligence agency, and masterminded the 1960 operation in which Mossad agents kidnapped Eichmann in Argentina and spirited him to Israel for trial.

Eichmann ran to Argentina for Jewish Affairs and was accused of responsibility for planning and ordering the deportation of four million Jews. He was convicted by an Israeli court and hanged in 1962.

■ *Reputation*, 1981.

While Harel remained largely unknown, the 81-year-old Wiesenthal gained worldwide fame as a Nazi hunter, a reputation that began with accounts of his role in the Eichmann case.

In books written over 30 years, Wiesenthal has recounted how he narrowly missed capturing Eichmann in Austria in 1949, kept track of his brothers and wife over the years, and supplied Israel with information about Eichmann's whereabouts in Argentina as far back as 1954.

"In all my books, I say it was team work. I never say I alone was responsible" for the Eichmann capture, Wiesenthal said.

Wiesenthal repeatedly in published material and most recently in a 1989 home box office movie about his life, Wiesenthal is depicted as instrumental to the Eichmann abduction.

■ *Book*

His first book, in 1961, was titled, "I Hunted Eichmann."

"Adolf Eichmann, whose spectacular capture was engineered by Wiesenthal, ..." reads the preface of Wiesenthal's latest book, "Justice Not Vengeance," scheduled for US release next month.

Harel does not dispute that Wiesenthal was among those who sought Eichmann, nor does he deny the holocaust survivor's pivotal role in tracking Nazi fugitives and keeping alive international awareness of the German atrocities.

But in his 270-page manuscript, he said, "all the information supplied by Wiesenthal before and in anticipation of the operation was utterly worthless, and sometimes even misleading and of negative value." He repeated that assessment in a telephone interview from his home in suburban Tel Aviv.

INTERNATIONAL

ARAB TIMES, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1990

Grandparents given custody

Father can't see Hilary

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Feb 25. (UPI): The grandfather of a 7-year-old girl caught in an international custody dispute called the child's father a "pedophile pervert" and said he would prevent him from seeing the little girl.

Meanwhile, oral surgeon Eric Foretich, 47, on his way to New Zealand from his Virginia home, said he wanted to "rescue" his daughter Hilary.

A Christchurch court has issued a temporary order granting custody of Hilary to her maternal grandparents and preventing Foretich from seeing her.

Hilary was recently discovered living in Christchurch with her grandparents, William and Antonia Morgan, more than two years after her mother sent her into hiding rather than allow her to be sent on an unsupervised visit with her father, whom she accuses of sexually abusing the girl.

The mother, plastic surgeon Elizabeth Morgan, spent 25 months in a Washington, D.C. jail on contempt charges for refusing to divulge her daughter's whereabouts.

Foretich, who reportedly hired a detective to track Hilary down in New Zealand, has repeatedly denied he abused his daughter.

The discovery of Hilary has set off a new round of legal disputes in the 4-year-old custody fight. Foretich has filed for interim custody of Hilary through the New Zealand courts.

"Get these words ... he is a psychopathic pedophile pervert," William Morgan, Hilary's maternal grandfather, said about Foretich.

Morgan told reporters he would call the police if Foretich attempted to see Hilary "because the court order says he can't."

Morgan also said Hilary had been happy in New Zealand and had not been living the life of a fugitive.

"We're open," he said. "Hilary is happy at her school here."

He accused Foretich of hiring "spies" to watch Hilary "24 hours a day."

A private detective in a car outside the Diplomat Hotel in Christchurch, an apartment-style complex where the Morgans and Hilary have been living, said he was working on behalf of a "legal representative" but would not say if he was hired by

Foretich. His view of the home was often blocked by hordes of reporters who have arrived to cover the continuing saga.

The Morgans were given temporary custody of Hilary at a brief hearing in the New Zealand family court, in Christchurch, last Friday, authorities said.

The interim custody order will be reviewed at another hearing scheduled for sometime this week.

Meanwhile, Foretich, in an interview published in the dominion Sunday Times in Christchurch, vowed to do his utmost to "rescue" his daughter.

"I just want to see my daughter," he said. "I just want to see what can be done to get her back."

"I have faith in the New Zealand justice system," Foretich said. "I don't intend that it will be very easy, but I intend to rescue my daughter."

Elizabeth Morgan's attorney in New Zealand, Lyn Stevens, said she would "vigorously" oppose any effort by Foretich to see his daughter.

Authorities said it was believed Hilary and her grandparents have been living in New Zealand for a little more than two years.

They said apparently Foretich learned his daughter was hiding in New Zealand after the grandparents applied for permanent residency, which led to official inquiries.

Neither parent apparently has seen the child since she was sent away. Morgan had her passport revoked during the custody dispute and it was unclear whether she would be able to attend the court hearing this week.

Isabel Mitchell, a specialist in family law appointed by the court to act as Hilary's lawyer, said she hoped the child would be able to live a normal life during the ensuing battle.

"I just want to insulate Hilary from all this," she said. "It's sad for a child to have her world turned upside down."

Mitchell said Hilary appeared in good spirits and was anxious to continue with school and social activities.

Morgan also accused Foretich

of sending a private detective to watch the family. "He's got his spies out there." A man sitting in a car nearby said: "We're acting for legal representatives to ensure that a court order is abided by." He refused to say whom he was acting for.

7 dead, 100 hurt in Frankfurt

Autobahn pileups

FRANKFURT, Feb 25. (AP): Fog combined with heavy traffic led to three separate highway pileups yesterday that involved more than 200 cars and killed seven people, police said. Nearly 100 people were reported injured.

The worst crash involved 134 cars on the main highway between Frankfurt and Munich. Six people died and 72 injured, 43 of them seriously, police said.

"There are wrecked cars all over the place. The injured are bleeding and screaming. It looks like a slaughterhouse," said a police officer.

Another person died when 74 cars crashed into each other on the Frankfurt-Berlin highway, police said. Seven people were critically injured, and 15 others suffered less serious injuries in that accident.

The third pileup, with 16 cars and five injuries, occurred on another highway near Frankfurt, police reported.

Police said all three pileups were caused by fast driving in foggy conditions. There are usually no speed limits on West German autobahns. Traffic was particularly heavy last morning because of a short holiday marking the carnival season.

"The visibility was poor, but as usual drivers did not adjust their speed to the conditions and drove too fast," said one officer at the scene of the worst crash, on a stretch of the A3 autobahn between Aschaffenburg and Wuerzburg.

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Morgan is shown being released after spending two years in prison. (Reuter wirephoto)



Morgan Hillary's grandfather speaks to media on his way to church. (Reuter wirephoto)



Detectives leave the Diplomat Hotel where the Morgans have been staying. (Reuter wirephoto)

Computer problem delays Atlantis launch just 31 seconds before countdown: rescheduled for today

CAPE CANAVERAL, Feb 25. (AP): The launch of the shuttle Atlantis on a secret military mission was scrubbed with 31 seconds left in the countdown early today, following three days of delays caused by weather and the mission commander's health.

"We have scrubbed for today," said Lisa Malone, the launch control center commentator.

Nasa tentatively rescheduled the launch for tomorrow

at about 1 a.m. (0600 GMT) pending resolution of a computer problem that caused the postponement.

Launch director Bob Stieck briefly considered launching the craft, which carries a spy satellite, later this morning. But after assessing all their options he and his aides decided that did not have enough time in the day to reschedule it.

The commander had reached the 4-minute mark when

the range safety monitor team discussed a problem with one

of its computers. The clock was counted down to 31 seconds, a point where the spacecraft's computer takes control, and was held there while experts investigated the problem.

The range safety monitor is responsible for sending a radio signal to destroy the shuttle if it strays too far off course and threatens populated areas.

There are two range safety computers, a primary and a

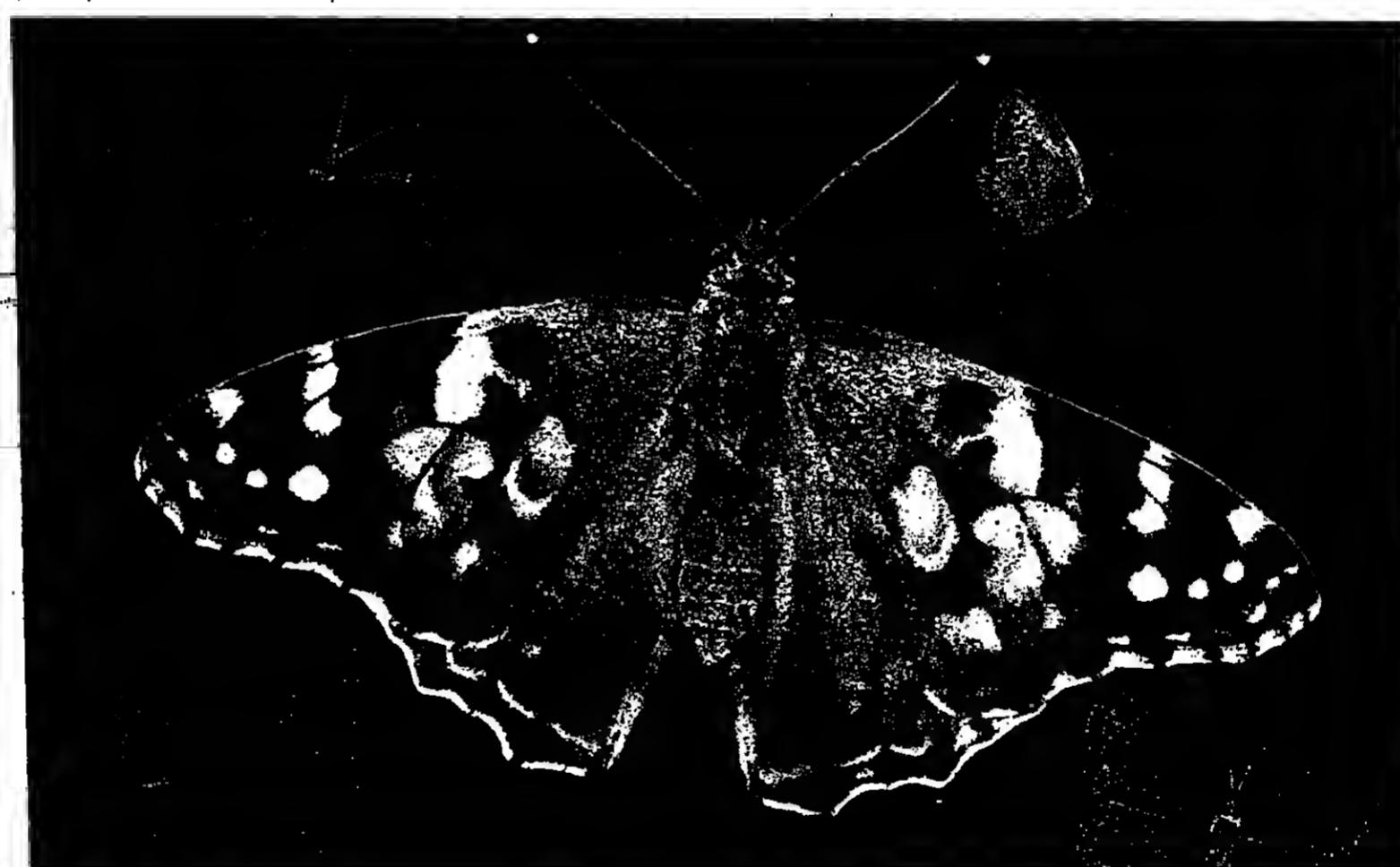
backup, and launch rules require both be operating, officials said. They said the backup failed, but they did not know why.

They said that while the craft was being held temperatures on the main engines became too cold, forcing Stieck to call off the effort for the day.

Prior to the last-minute scrub, the clock had been stopped since Wednesday.

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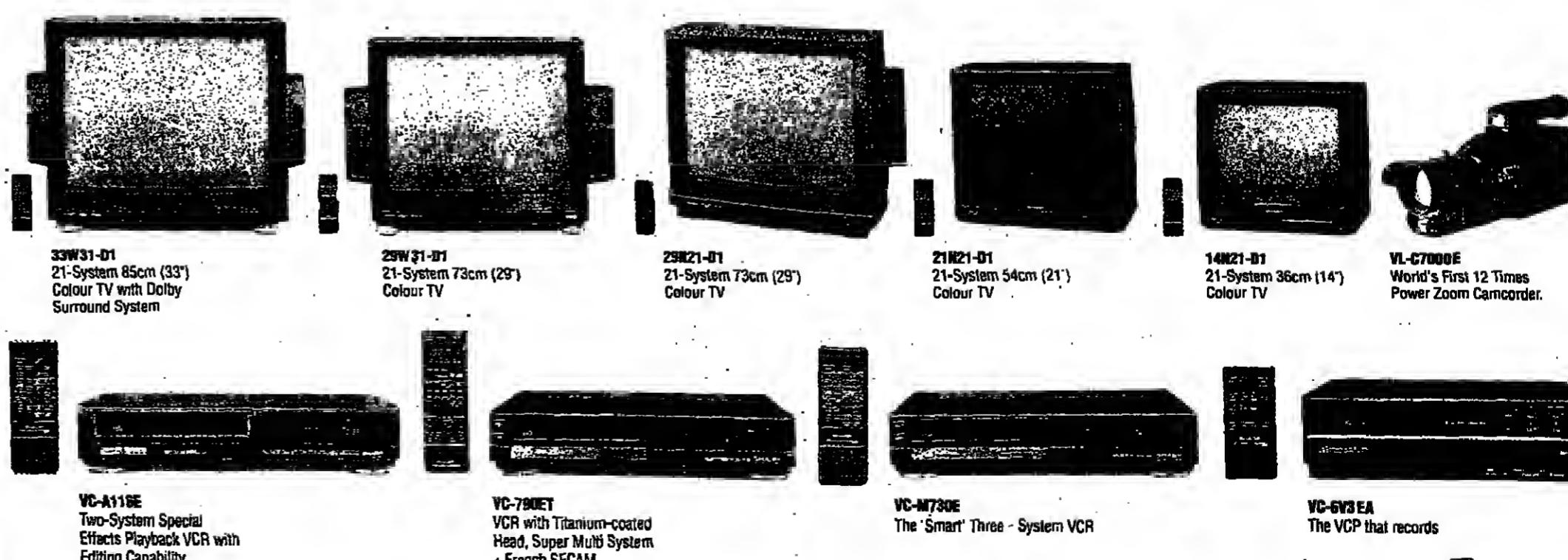
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Differences on bases strain US-Manila ties

MANILA, Feb 25, (AP): Four years after Corazon Aquino swept to power with strong words of support from Washington, harsh rhetoric and wide differences over US military bases have strained relations between her administration and the United States.

The strains have emerged nearly three months after US warplanes helped save Aquino from military mutineers out to topple her government. Ironically, the intervention may have contributed to the present strains by making her government eager to show it can still display independence from the nation's former colonial ruler.

Since her highly publicised "snub" last week of US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney,

whom Aquino refused to receive personally, the government has moved to soften its rhetoric towards the United States.

But the strains have also been exacerbated by statements by US officials questioning the political survivability of Aquino, who swept to power on Feb 25, 1986 in the uprising against the late Ferdinand Marcos.

"Let me just acknowledge to you that US-Philippines relations are in a bumpy path right now," said US Ambassador Nicholas Platt in a television interview this week. "We're in some turbulent air."

Relations with Washington began to sour last month after Congress cut \$96 million from the president's Philippine aid package.

Filipinos considered this a violation of the October 1988 agreement under which the United States offered \$962 million over two years in return for use of Clark Air Base, the Subic Bay Naval base and four smaller installations through the end of their lease in 1991. That offer was subject to congressional ratification.

Talks on extending the lease are expected to begin in a few weeks. But any agreement must be ratified by two-thirds of the 23-member Philippine Senate. More than half the 195-member House of Representatives has already urged Aquino to postpone discussing the bases until the aid was restored.

Before Cheney's visit, which began last

Monday, Aquino said she would not receive the defence chief because she was angry over adverse reports of her administration in the US press.

Filipino officials now insist the "snub" was to demonstrate anger over aid cuts. But Aquino, who bristles at criticism, cited only the press reports, making it appear her decision was more emotional than political.

Filipino diplomatic sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Washington embassy had warned that the Cheney snub and strong anti-American statements from Congressmen and commentators threatened to undermine US support.

In Manila, Cheney offered no guarantees

the aid would be restored. He cited Congress' desire for fiscal restraint.

Aquino welcomed Cheney's statements

of support and said she was ready to

negotiate with the Americans to "sincerity

and good faith."

An influential minority here believe the

bases infringe on sovereignty, contribute to

prostitution and drug addiction and should

be closed.

Unlike South Koreans who face an

enemy to the North, Filipinos generally per-

ceive no external military threat. Therefore,

US arguments that the bases are essential for

national and regional defence carry little

weight here.

Last year, Aquino told foreign reporters that the presence of US troops here did not deter Japan from invading in 1941 and doubtless encouraged the attack.

Most Filipinos consider the bases a business deal — "renting" territory in return for cash — and "failure" to pay constitutes a breach of contract.

Last December, US jets from Clark flew air cover for government forces, and their intervention was widely seen as decisive in defeating the uprising against Aquino.

But the intervention also encouraged a belief that Aquino owes her political survival to the Americans and will ultimately agree to extend the bases at terms favourable only to the United States.

Singer Johnnie Ray in a 1958 file photo who died of liver failure at Cedars-Sinai hospital, Los Angeles. (Reuter wirephoto)

'Prince of Wails' Ray is dead

LOS ANGELES, Feb 25, (Reuter): Johnnie Ray, whose sobbing renditions of such 1950s songs as 'Cry' and 'The Little White Cloud That Cried' earned him the nickname 'The Prince of Wails,' died yesterday of liver failure at age 63.

Ray's emotional performance style made him a household name in America, Europe and Australia and his amalgam of musical styles, blending rhythm and blues, country and western and gospel music, was credited with setting the stage for rock 'n' roll.

His first two records were banned for suggestive lyrics but later Ray could count among his admirers Britain's Queen Elizabeth, who proclaimed herself one of his biggest fans.

Ray attributed his success at least partially to an accident which happened when he was ten years old and which left him with only 50 per cent of his hearing.

While playing with friends he was tossed into the air in a blanket and hit the ground head-first. When Ray became hard of hearing and unresponsive, some assumed he was inattentive or retarded.

"I was just about the loneliest kid in the world," he once said of the five-year period before his deafness was diagnosed and during which he wrote his biggest hit, "The Little White Cloud That Cried."

At 15 he was fitted with the cumbersome hearing aid which would later become a trademark. His refusal to take it off during public appearances was an inspiration to millions of deaf people.

Ray arrived in Hollywood in 1949 determined to become a movie star. After working a number of jobs including bellboy, bartender, shipyard welder and saloon piano player, he decided to leave the film capital and head for New York.

Taking odd jobs across the country, he stopped in Detroit, Michigan, where he was heard by a local disc jockey who persuaded a Columbia records agent to listen to him. As a result of that meeting, Ray made two records which became hits in the US midwest until several radio stations banned them because of their suggestive lyrics.

But Ray had found the recognition he needed and was flown to New York.

US sky diver falls to death

PALATKA, Florida, Feb 25, (AP): A sky diver was knocked unconscious during an 80-person free-fall yesterday and fell to his death after another diver tried to deploy his chute but couldn't, a sky-diving company official said.

Paul Williams, 40, was one of the last people to jump from four planes at 15,000 feet (4,570 metres) when he collided with another diver and lost consciousness, said Susan Basse, an owner of the Palatka Parachute.

Another sky diver, seeing the man flailing in free fall, attempted to get to him and pull the rip cord, but was unable. To the best of our knowledge, unfortunately he never regained consciousness and died on impact," Ms Basse said.

"This was an experienced jumper, in excess of 2,600 sky dives.

NEWS BRIEFS

Jackson speaks at meeting: The Rev. Jesse Jackson, in his first public appearance in Chicago since returning from South Africa, compared the US civil rights movement to Nelson Mandela, in a speech at Operation Push Headquarters.

"American civil rights and the African liberation movements have run parallel in history," Jackson said.

The release of Mandela by South African government officials after 27 years of imprisonment does not mean he is free because his country of South Africa still operates under apartheid, the Push founder said.

Mandela is out of jail, (but) he is not free," he said. Despite being in prison for so many years, Jackson said Mandela was not bitter. (UPI)

16-megabit memory chip developed: Texas Instruments Inc. said Wednesday in Dallas it has produced an experimental super memory chip able to store 16 million bits of information, the second such computer component to be unveiled in the United States within a week.

The semiconductor manufacturer, a leading US manufacturer of chips for Dynamic Random Access Memory or DRAM, said it expects to begin commercial production of the new chip within 12 to 18 months.

TII disclosed the production of its superchip a week after International Business Machines Corp. announced it has produced a 16-million-bit superchip, which it held the equivalent of 1,600 pages of text, or a surface smaller than a postage stamp and retrieve information at the speed of 1/25th of a second.

In 1988, IBM invested close to \$6 billion in research efforts, including about the superchip. (UPI)



Invasion

Sea lions colonise the boat docks at Pier 39 in San Francisco yesterday. Drawn by an unusually large catch of bay herring, the feisty sea lions have attracted tourists back to the wharf area which had been losing patrons because of the 1989 earthquake. (Reuter wirephoto)

Cop vs editor

Uruguay duel

MONTEVIDEO, Feb 25, (Reuter): Uruguay's government has authorised a senior police officer to challenge a newspaper editor to a duel, Uruguay's Interior Minister Flavio Buscaglia said yesterday.

The government allowed assistant police chief Saul Claveria to challenge the daily La Republica's editor Federico Fassano to a duel after a story in the newspaper said the police officer owned two cars involved in a smuggling case.

"This government has received other such requests, but the previous ministers had a different position (on duelling)," Buscaglia told Dave Phillips.

The seeds will be tested to make sure they are still alive and then will be packaged and distributed to students in grades 5 through college, beginning perhaps as early as March 5, Phillips said.

The seeds include 12.5 million tomato seeds and an assortment of 1.5 million other seeds for such plants as the Texas bluebonnet, pease beans, corn, peppers, kudzu vines and a variety of herbs, he said. (UPI)

Pistols are traditionally the weapon of choice in Uruguay, where duelling is permitted only with official approval.

Europe

On the brink of food poisoning: Secret evidence was uncovered in London Sunday suggesting Britain is on the brink of a food poisoning epidemic caused by salmonella in eggs and broiler chickens.

The Sunday Express newspaper said that reported cases have risen to an all-time high in spite of the British government's actions taken in the past 17 months.

The paper also noted that the British Ministry of Agriculture has admitted that it is "powerless to act."

Since the government's chief medical officer first issued warnings about infected eggs there has been a parliamentary inquiry and the introduction of a rigorous series of controls.

More than a million laying hens had been slaughtered, the weekly added. (Kuna)

Churches claim victory: Organised religious investors claimed a major victory Friday in a reversal of securities and exchange commission policies that will require tobacco companies to include shareholder resolutions to phase out tobacco products in proxy statements.

"This victory is the latest in a series of serious setbacks for the tobacco industry," said Timothy Smith, director of the Interfaith Centre on Corporate Responsibility. (UPI)



Sentenced racketeer III

Mano Branca dos Santos, known to millions of Portuguese as 'Dona Branca' in Lisbon, was admitted to hospital on Feb 23, where she is being treated for Parkinson's disease. Branca dos Santos was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment after being found guilty of running a fraudulent private banking operation. (Reuter wirephoto)

Water purifying process: If Etienne Dillie, a French engineer and scientist, is to be believed, there is one way to quell the fears of French consumers and give them tap water without a trace of nitrate, that is to purify the water under a method he has developed.

Speaking on the French television, Dillie, who said he had worked on water purifying process for three years in the faculty of science, in Nice, south of France, indicated that he found the miraculous purifying calcium product, only last December.

He added that he has taken out a patent and that analysis carried out by the regional hydrobiology laboratory of Nice seem to be conclusive.

Dillie revealed that he has already been awarded an order by Switzerland for water purification in a processing plant with a capacity of 35,000 cubic metres per day. (Kuna)

Protecting migrating birds: The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds on Friday said it strongly supported efforts by Italian naturalists to prevent hunting of migratory birds in Italy.

It said a referendum on hunting, scheduled this spring, could compel the Italian government to give better protection to wildlife.

The society devoted three pages to the subject in the spring issue of its quarterly magazine, Birds, which circulates among the 650,000 members, the largest bird conservancy body in Europe.

Every year, over the Straits of Messina — between Sicily and Italy — thousands of honey buzzards are shot on migration between Africa and central Europe. Weak and widely unenforced legislation does little to stop gunners shooting and trapping protected species throughout Italy," said a news release issued with the magazine. (AP)

Policemen tossed tear-gas grenades to disperse small groups of protesters who tried to march into downtown areas in Taegu, Pusan and Taejon, Yonhap and other reports said.

The knife was for the chicken, so that its blood could be used with the court papers if Xiong lost his case — a ceremony intended to direct blame away from the family if the boy's condition is altered.

"If I taken away for the surgery, and my spirit were destroyed, who is going to fix it?" Xiong asked during the trial.

O'Neill said evidence that Kou would be confined to a wheelchair later in life outweighed the parents' rights to privacy and freedom of religion.

The family's beliefs seem to be bolstered by experience. Five years ago, in a refugee camp

bordering on Laos, the Xiongs allowed doctors to operate on Kou.

Subsequently, the mother became gravely ill, and the couple's only two sons were born with cleft lips — calamities the family now believes resulted from allowing surgery on the boy.

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Protests hit five cities in S. Korea

SEOUL, Feb 25, (AP): Radicals shouting anti-government and anti-US slogans tried to attack a US diplomat's residence and clashed with riot police in five cities today, news reports said.

Police fired tear-gas to break up protests in Kwangju, Inchon, Taegu, Pusan and Taejon and arrested some 100 people. About 3,000 people joined in the protests, many of them aimed at the recent three-party merger that created a giant new governing party, reports said.

The Yonhap news agency said about 50 radical students shouting "Yankee go home" tried to attack a US diplomat's residence and clashed with riot police in five cities today, news reports said.

The students were stopped about 10 yards (metres) from the main gate of the residence of Carlton Ames, director of the US cultural centre in Kwangju, shortly before 9 am (0000 GMT), it said.

The US embassy in Seoul confirmed the attempted attack, but declined to comment.

It was not known whether Ames was at home at the time, or whether there was any damage to his residence. Police said there were no arrests or injuries.

Almost simultaneously, two separate groups of about 30 radicals each tried to attack two police substations in Kwangju but also were dispersed by tear-gas firing police, Yonhap said.

Radical students hurling rocks and firebombs later fought police in two areas of Kwangju for about 30 minutes, Yonhap said. It said the students protested the "dictatorial" merger last month of President Roh Tae-Woo's governing party with two centrist opposition groups.

Radicals and dissidents, a small but vocal minority, claim the merger marked a return to authoritarian control and was ploy to stall democratisation.

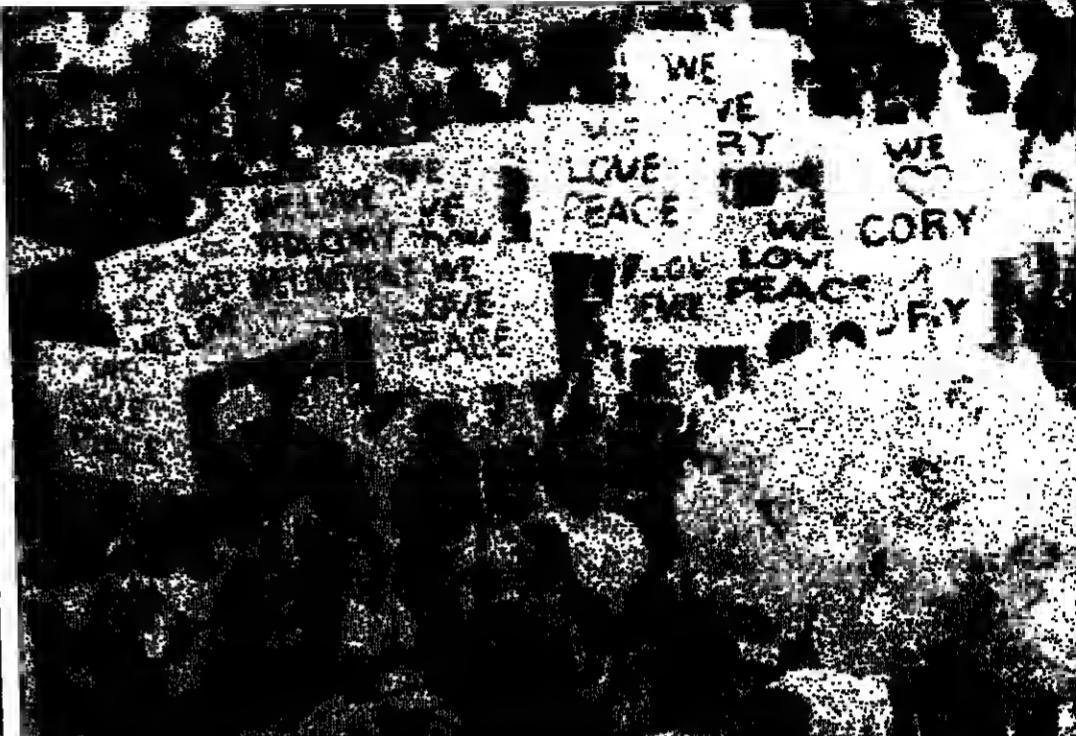
Kwangju, 150 miles (240 kilometres) south of Seoul, is the stronghold of opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung, whose Party for Peace and Democracy was left isolated as a result of the merger.

In Inchon, 48 kilometres (30 miles) west of Seoul, about 600 radicals, some of them factory workers, briefly fought police with firebombs after their anti-government rally was blocked.

"Punish Roh Tae-Woo" and "drive out Yankees" were shouted by the protesters as they yelled.

The protesters claimed the United States was behind the three-party merger, which they called "anti-democratic," the protesters said.

Kaufu is expected to reassure Bush that Japan tends to solve issues such as the "structural impediments" at the top of Washington's complaint list on trade with Japan. The US trade deficit with Japan for 1989 is expected to reach \$49 billion.



Corymania

Supporters of Philippine President Corazon Aquino placards during a rally in Manila yesterday.

record since being swept to power by a popular record four years ago. (Reuter wirephoto)



People's Liberation Army soldiers take a pledge of loyalty. (Reuter wirephoto)

Khmer flees in army push

French delay stalls talks



Son Sann. (Reuter wirephoto)

TAPRAYA, Thailand, Feb 25. (Agencies): A combined offensive by Vietnamese and Cambodian government troops pushed today within 12 miles (20 km) of the largest population centre seized by the resistance since Vietnam said it withdrew its army from Cambodia in September, a resistance officer said.

International refugee officials said they feared an attack on nearby refugee camps inside Thailand holding more than 160,000 Cambodians, many of them supporters of the resistance.

Organisers of the Cambodian peace talks said today they feared the unexpectedly delayed arrival of the French representative would cut precious negotiating time from the scheduled-threeday session and hamper progress.

"We have no fixed time" for the appearance of French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas, said Indonesian Foreign Minister Al Alatas, acknowledging the gathering could not possibly start early tomorrow as planned but would hopefully begin in the evening with the opening limited to brief remarks.

The officer from the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) said he had retreated from the town of Sway Chek, which fell to the government after massive shelling on Friday.

He said a force of tanks and armoured cars drove about 6 miles (10 km) past Sway Chek, bringing them to within about 12 miles (20 km) of Thmar Puok

The officer said the resistance had three tanks and six artillery pieces captured from the government ready for what could be the first small tank battle of the 14-year-old conflict.

He said the attacking force included 18 Soviet-built T-54 tanks, six armoured personnel carriers, a number of artillery pieces and four truck-mounted BM21 rocket launchers — each with 40 rocket tubes.

Security on alert in Lhasa

BEIJING, Feb 25. (Reuter): Chinese security forces were on alert for renewed pro-independence demonstrations in Lhasa tomorrow when Tibetans celebrate their New Year festival for the first time under martial law.

Tibetans said the celebrations would be more festive this year, despite the security clampdown, because of the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to the Dalai Lama, their exiled spiritual leader.

The Dalai Lama, who fled Tibet in 1959 after a mass uprising failed to oust the Chinese, was awarded the peace prize last October for what the Oslo-based Nobel Committee called his "non-violent" struggle for Tibetan independence.

China has repeatedly condemned the award and accused the 54-year-old leader of fomenting unrest in the Himalayan region which Beijing claims to have ruled since the 13th century.

The award triggered celebrations and demonstrations which security forces quickly suppressed in the Tibetan capital.

Lhasa authorities have banned two traditional sets of celebration — throwing "Tsampa", barley flour which is staples as well as ritual food, and burning incense outdoors, according to Western travellers recently returned from the ancient city.

A candidate for a five-year term in the largely

China army told be vigilant

Latest sign Beijing fears further unrest

BEIJING, Feb 25. (Reuter): One of China's top generals has ordered the army to strengthen unity and maintain a high degree of vigilance, official newspapers reported today in the latest sign the Communist Party fears further unrest.

General Yang Baibing, secretary general of the party's central military commission, also told a key meeting of the Beijing area military command yesterday that political education should be strengthened.

"One: Correctly understand the present situation and always maintain a high degree of vigilance," Yang said, quoted by the Liberation Army Daily newspaper, giving the first of his orders.

"We must always value and protect unity

between superiors and the lower ranks, unity between the army and government and between army and people," Yang said.

He also called for strengthened unity between the various field armies that compose the 53.5-million-strong People's Liberation Army, the official New China News Agency said.

Yang, the 70-year-old younger brother of President Yang Shangkun, praised the Beijing military command for "completing its glorious and enormous tasks" in 1989, a year he described as "unforgettable."

Yang's speech appeared aimed at dismissing a widely held belief among people in Beijing that some army units refused to take

part in crushing pro-democracy demonstrations in the capital last June.

Recent similar pronouncements reflected fear among China's leaders that the army could not be relied upon to support the party in the event of further unrest, Western diplomats said.

The authorities say more than 200 people were killed last June 3 and 4, while Western governments estimate the death toll at many hundreds.

The week-long meeting of the Beijing military command comes at a critical time for the leadership as anniversaries of last year's and previous anti-government protests approach.

Obituary



Sandro Pertini. (Reuter wirephoto)

Pertini, former president, dies at 93

ROME, Feb 25. (Agencies): Sandro Pertini, a highly popular former Socialist President of Italy and World War II hero, died Saturday night at the age of 93, the Italian news reported.

The 85-year-old Pertini, imprisoned by the Fascist government during the war, served in the largely ceremonial post from 1978 to 1985 while Italy defeated urban terrorism and moved to become one of the world's economic powers.

The Italian News Agency Ansa said Pertini died in his sleep after dining with his wife, Carla, in their apartment facing the famous Trevi Fountain in central Rome.

The exact cause of death was not immediately known, but Pertini had not been well since early this month after he fell in the apartment and hit his head.

Pertini had expressed the desire to die at home and not be admitted to a hospital. He had asked for a private funeral at his birthplace in northern Italy followed by cremation.

Franco Cossiga, who succeeded Pertini in the presidency, paid a half-hour visit to the apartment Sunday morning.

Pertini, elected by parliament after Giovanni Leone was forced to resign during a scandal, was credited with boosting the morale of Italians during the dark days of terrorism and instilling a sense of pride.

Born in the Italian river town of Savona on Sept. 25, 1906, Pertini studied law and political science before fighting in World War I.

In 1916 he helped found the Socialist Party in Italy with Pietro Nenni, but he never allowed himself to be restricted by party lines.

During the rise of Fascism after World War I, Pertini was imprisoned but managed to escape to France. In 1929, during the regime of dictator Benito Mussolini, he was captured in northern Italy and sentenced again.

Pertini spent nearly 10 years in Mussolini's prisons before he escaped again to lead a resistance movement in northern Italy. The Nazis sentenced him to death in 1943, but again he escaped and became Socialist Party secretary in 1945.

Pertini was elected to parliament after the war's end and re-elected continually in the decades that followed — serving two terms as president of the chamber of deputies. For a while he edited the party newspaper, "L'Avanti."

His independent line made him acceptable to an array of parties of the left and right, and as two-term president of the lower house of parliament from 1968 to 1975 he was a noted mediator whenever tempers flared in the chamber.

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He immediately brought an open stand to the party, refusing to live in the pomp of the Quirinal palace or the advice of his independent-minded wife.

Pope John Paul II praised Pertini as "a man committed to the struggle for liberty and democracy" Sunday in a message of condolence sent to the Italian head of state.

The Pope expressed particular appreciation for the "anxious attention and constant solidarity" Pertini showed at the time Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca shot and wounded John Paul in St. Peter's Square May 13, 1981.

Although Pertini, who died late Saturday aged 93, styled himself a "non-believer," he established a close friendship with the Pope. On several occasions they dined informally together and in July, 1984 the Pope invited Pertini to join him in a two-days-long trip in the Italian Alps.

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"Informed by your excellency at dawn this morning of the sad news of the death of Senator Sandro Pertini, your predecessor as president of the Republic, I wish to express my profound participation in the grief for the disappearance of the significant figure of a man committed to the struggle for liberty and democracy."

Delay unity: Maggie

Tories at lowest ebb in opinion polls, Labour ahead

LONDON, Feb 25. (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher insisted in an interview published today that she has been right to speak out against a hasty reunification of the Germanys.

"We were the first people to be talking in this way. Everyone is now coming along with us," Thatcher told the Sunday Times.

Thatcher has been criticised at home and abroad for not responding more enthusiastically to the prospect of a quickly reunited Germany, Britain's enemy in two World Wars.

In other developments an opinion poll has found Britain's governing Conservatives at their lowest ebb since Thatcher led them to power nearly 11 years ago.

The Conservatives trail 17 points behind Labour, enough to give the Socialists a 120-seat majority in the House of Commons in a general election, according to the poll by Market Opinion and Research International for the Sunday Times.

The Sunday Times quoted Thatcher as saying that she and Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd have told other governments that they simply will not accept the immediate reunification and be forced to adapt to it.

Thatcher said Britain was right to insist on a proper framework for German reunification because it is one of the four victorious powers of World War II that govern Berlin. The others are the United States, Soviet Union and France.

She said she had told Polish Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki that she would support his request to have the German government guarantee the sovereignty of territory now considered part of Poland. Furthermore, she said other countries, which she did not identify, had asked to be involved in this as well.

Thatcher said she realised Germany had many bad sensitivities and ambitions.

"But so has the rest of Europe. You cannot just ignore the history of this century as if it did not happen, and say, 'we are going to unify and everything else will have to be worked out afterwards.' That is not the way," Thatcher was quoted as said.

The Sunday Times reported that she said there would have to be a transition period for East Germany to enter the European Economic Community because it had been a Nazi or Communist state since the 1930s. In addition, she said its highly subsidised products clashed with EEC competition laws.

"All this cannot be ignored. It had to be worked out now and we are working it out," Thatcher was reported as saying.

Thatcher again heaped warm praise on the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and expressed confidence that his policies will succeed.

She said: "I think he will win through. I do not think you can expect a change of that magnitude to take place that quickly."

The British leader pointed out "I think Mr Gorbachev has the most dominant personality, added to the most visionary ideals for the Soviet Union. That combination I do not see in anyone else."

The Conservatives currently have a majority of 100 seats after winning "British" three elections in a row in 1979, 1983 and 1987.

The prime minister does not have to call another election before mid-1992.

The poll recorded 51 per cent support for Labour — up from 12 per cent in January — 34 per cent for the Conservatives and the remaining 15 per cent for minor parties.

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Greek Parliament again fails to elect a president

ATHENS, Feb 25. (AP): Parliament today failed to elect a head of state in its second round of voting after the conservative New Democracy party abstained from the roll call.

The action made it impossible for either of the two candidates — incumbent President Christos Sartzetakis and former Parliament speaker Yannis Alevras, backed by the Socialists, received 127 votes; Sartzetakis received 21 votes from the Communist Alliance, and four deputies were absent from the chamber.

In the first round of voting, Sartzetakis, who ran unopposed, received 151 votes.

House speaker Athanassios Tzalardis said the third round will be held next Saturday. Parliaments may propose a different candidate in each round.

Earlier this month, parliament agreed to hold general elections on April 8, anticipating a deadlock in the presidential balloting. The first task of the new parliament will be to continue voting for a new president.

New Democracy leader Constantine Mitsotakis met with his party's parliamentary group one hour before the voting today and repeated that the Conservatives would abstain from the present balloting.

The Sunday Times quoted him as saying: "I do not

think it is right to be voting for a president who has not been elected by the people."

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Germany must be in Nato

Kohl and Bush agree in Camp David meeting

CAMP DAVID, Feb 25, (Agencies): US President George Bush said today he and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl agreed that a unified Germany should remain a full member of the Nato Western military alliance.

He and Kohl held a joint news conference to cap two days of talks at the presidential mountaintop retreat of Camp David.

Bush said the two leaders agreed the territory that is now East Germany should have a special "military status" that would protect the interest of the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union has called for a unified German state to be neutral.

"That enduring German-American partnership has never been stronger, as



Bush waves from a golf cart as he welcomes Kohl at the Camp David presidential retreat. (Reuter wirephoto)



Bush talks to Kohl (left) as Baker (right) looks on. (Reuter wirephoto)

Chancellor Kohl steps toward a golden moment in the history of his country," Bush said.

The US President said "if events are moving faster than we expected, it just means our common goal" of a unified Germany would be achieved sooner than expected. Unification talks between East and West Germany are to begin after East German elections March 18.

The four World War II allies — Britain and France, the United States and Soviet Union — have agreed to then hold talks with the two Germanys on external repercussions, including security issues, of reunification.

East Germany is a member of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact, and some

European nations along with Moscow support a neutral Germany rather than one allied with the United States and its Nato allies.

East Germany is abandoning its communist government and the Germans are pursuing a common currency based on the West German system.

"The security link between North America and Europe is ... also for a united Germany, of vital importance," Kohl said through an interpreter. He reiterated his support for the continuing presence of US military forces in Germany.

On other key issue of reunification, Kohl said he told Bush his government respects "the legitimate security interests

of all states and we respect people's feelings ... especially addressing our Polish neighbours."

The comment was designed to assuage Poland's concerns that a unified Germany might seek to reclaim territory the allies granted Poland after World War II. About one-third of present-day Poland formerly was German territory.

Kohl stopped short of pledging outright that a unified Germany would give up claims to the region. A final decision on that issue would be made by a "freely elected all-German government and a freely elected all-German Parliament."

Bush then said the United States recognises the existing German-Polish border, backing Poland's position.

Lithuanians vote for independence

Sajudis sweep to victory

VILNIUS, USSR, Feb 25, (Agencies): Lithuania's opposition Sajudis organisation sweep to victory in most declared election results today as the Soviet republic's voters dealt a crushing blow to the Communist Party.

But Sajudis leader Vytautas Landsbergis cautioned that new, almost dictatorial powers sought by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev may become the main obstacle to Lithuanian independence and that military intervention could not be ruled out.

"Gorbachev may get a wide scope of power," Landsbergis said adding "they want to stop the collapse of the Soviet Union. The power may be aimed at blocking Lithuanian independence."

He said Sajudis representatives and Lithuanian Communist Party leader Algirdas Brazauskas will travel to Moscow this evening to start talks with the Soviet leadership.

Brazauskas scored an overwhelming victory in the first official results announced by the election commission.

A likely presidential contender is free Lithuania, the popular leader, who withdrew his party from the Soviet Communist Party. He won 91.7 per cent of the votes in his district.

Official results from Saturday's election were slow in coming, but unofficial results provided by the well-organised Sajudis umbrella organisation said a landslide victory had been won.

"If it is not a landslide, I don't know what a landslide is," said Algimantas Chaulis, member of Sajudis 35-person executive council who added independence of Moscow was "attainable this year."

Sajudis official Rupysyte Augonite said the organisation's candidates had won 72 seats in the 142-member Parliament while the two communist parties had won 29 mandates. Run-offs would have to be held in 45 races in which no candidate won more than half the votes.

Augonite said six races were to be held again due to unspecified voting irregularities.

Of the 90 results released so far, Sajudis said 48 are non-parry, 22 are from the independent Lithuanian Communist Party, seven from the Moscow-backed Communist Party, nine Social Democrats, two Greens and two Christian Democrats.

But the Sajudis spokeswoman said the new Parliament, which is expected to call for independence of the Soviet Union, would be unable to convene yet because half of its members have not been elected.

Augonite said runoffs were to take place on March 10 and the six repeated elections on April 7.

Chaulis said elections were boycotted in one region of Snieckus outside Vilnius by the Russian population which did not want to vote for Sergei Ryzhikov, a member of the toyotist communists who was running unopposed.

"The Sajudis results are confirmed by the election commission, they would give the organisation outright control of the Parliament and set the stage for Lithuania's independence from a half century Soviet rule."

As voters flocked to the polls Saturday, many residents said the elections opened a new chapter in Lithuanian history because the Parliament would be chosen democratically for the first time since the Soviet Union absorbed the tiny nation, along with neighbouring Estonia and Latvia, in 1940.

"The nation will choose its own Parliament," said Wladyslaw Maksiewicz, one of Lithuania's 400,000 ethnic Poles. "Soviet rule has ruined us, and we have to repair everything."

Romania to follow FBI style

BUCHAREST, Feb 25, (AP): The defence minister announced plans yesterday to convert the secret police's internal security operations into a domestic law enforcement agency resembling the US Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Victor A. Stanculescu, a lieutenant general, also told reporters he had agreed to work with officers demanding a purge in the army of elements associated with executed dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

Dozens of officers who played a leading role in the December revolution that ousted Ceausescu and ended more than four decades of communist rule, held a week of demonstrations earlier this month that forced the removal of the previous defence minister.

Stanculescu also announced that the government intended to maintain the troops used by Securitate, Ceausescu's dreaded secret police, in case they are needed in wartime.

The underground labyrinth has become a symbol of the repressive, paranoid control maintained by Ceausescu during his 22-year tenure that ended with his toppling Dec. 22 and his execution three days later.



East German Prime Minister Hans Modrow (right) and Communist Party (PDS) leader Gregor Gysi (left) hug each other during a party meeting in East Berlin. (Reuter wirephoto)

Modrow to lead communists in election: After several days of waffling, East German Premier Hans Modrow announced yesterday he would lead the former Communist Party in March 18 elections, but warned the party it must make a radical break with the past or lose all credibility.

Modrow is the most popular figure in the Party for Democratic Socialism (PDS), the successor to the Communist Party that ruled East Germany with an iron fist for four decades.

However, polls have predicted massive gains for East Germany's Social Democrats and Christian Democrats as this nation of 16 million turns its back on the communists, who were the only legal party until last fall.

Both parties have ruled out forming a coalition government with Modrow's PDS should no clear majority emerge in the vote for East Germany's parliament.

Modrow got a standing ovation from the 530 delegates at the party's two-day Congress in East Berlin when he announced his decision, which he said "has not been easy," according to East Germany's official news agency ADN.

The former communists "must make a consistent break with the past, without which the party for democratic socialism won't be credible," ADN quoted Modrow as saying. (AP)

Honecker accused of taking funds: Disgraced former East German leader Erich Honecker is suspected of siphoning off millions of dollars paid by Bonn for release of political prisoners, the official ADN news agency said yesterday.

It cited the state prosecutor as saying Honecker, swept from office in October after 18 years in power, was accused of paying 75 million marks (\$844 million) of the money last year alone into a personal East German bank account.

Honecker, 77, faces charges of corruption along with about 30 other leaders of his former government. Six former members of his ruling politburo are in prison, but he has been freed to recover from a cancer operation.

Since the early 1960s Bonn has paid East Germany huge sums to allow political prisoners — usually dissident or people caught trying to flee to the West — to emigrate.

The agreements, always surrounded by secrecy, were denounced by critics as "trading in human flesh." But Bonn insisted it helped ease suffering caused by the division of families and by a harsh Marxist government. (Reuter)

Anti-communist protest in Sofia

Anger at slow pace of reform

SOFIA, Feb 25, (Reuter): More than 50,000 Bulgarians, frustrated by slow pace of reform in their country, rallied in central Sofia today to protest against the ruling Communist Party.

Witnesses said the crowd, which packed a square and side streets near party headquarters, waved banners with slogans such as "enough nightmares" and "liberty, freedom, justice" others chanted "down with the Bulgarian Communist Party."

Members of the opposition Union of Democratic Forces which had organised the rally were cheered as they called for an end to communist rule.

Bulgaria's new communist leaders, who ousted Todor Zhivkov last November, have renounced their automatic right to rule and begun round table talks with the once-hanned

opposition groups.

But the UDF, which groups Bulgaria's 13 leading opposition groups, says the party is dragging its feet in much-needed economic reforms and delaying changes needed to give the opposition a fair chance of contesting the country's first free elections in four decades, due in May.

"Bulgaria could be a Garden of Eden, but 43 years ago we gave ourselves a goat as a gardener," UDF member Alexander Chirkov told the cheering crowd in a reference to the communist takeover. "Let us not elect another goat."

In an apparent concession, the party's ruling supreme council said on Friday it would be prepared to postpone parliamentary elections until June in order to give the opposition more time to prepare.

Mandela urges black unity

He's only a man: Mandela ex-wife

LONDON, Feb 25, (Reuter): The former wife of Nelson Mandela said in an article today the world expected too much of the man she once loved but who later abandoned and humiliated her.

Mandela, who was divorced from the South African black leader in 1957, told the Sunday Telegraph the marriage ran into difficulties when Mandela became more involved with the African National Congress and often failed to return home at night.

"When I asked about it, he said 'no policemen ask questions like you,'" said the 68-year-old Bible teacher who bore Mandela four children.

She dismissed a comment by Frank Chikane, the secretary-general of the South African Council of Churches, who likened Mandela's release after 27 years in prison to

Inkatha ... strife amongst ourselves wastes our energy and destroys our unity."

His announcement of a peace offer brought scattered jeers from ANC militants but they were the only discordant notes among an overwhelmingly adulatory crowd which shouted ANC slogans at regular intervals in a forest of ANC banners.

Black unity is the main immediate goal of anti-apartheid groups working for maximum leverage before they enter preliminary talks with the white

government about reforms to give blacks the vote and end race segregation.

Both the ANC and Inkatha oppose apartheid but differ over tactics to fight it. Inkatha is prepared to work within political structures created by Pretoria, a strategy the ANC rejects.

Mandela said both sides shared a common enemy. "The enemy is that of inadequate housing, forced removals, lack of resources as basic as that of water, and rising unemployment ... we demand that the government provide these basic necessities."

It is a statement likely to displease the million-strong Inkatha organisation, Mandela claimed the recently-legalised ANC was South Africa's premier political force.

But he added it recognised the right of all non-racist groups to participate in political life.

He also paid tribute to the legendary martial prowess of the six million Zulu nation, recalling the battle of Isandlwana in the Anglo-Zulu war of 1879 when Zulus with spears defeated British forces equipped with rifles and artillery.

Speaking in English and Zulu and flanked by his wife Winnie and close comrade Walter Sisulu on the podium, he urged women to lead the drive for reconciliation.

"Tell your sons, your brothers and your husbands that you want peace and security ... open your cooking pots and ask them why there is so little food inside," he said.

The answer, he said, was "our common deprivation."



Mandela, Winnie and a niece applaud a performance of witchdoctors. (Reuter wirephoto)

West Africa's old guard rattled by protests for reforms

COTONOU, Benin, Feb 25, (Reuter): Emboldened by the fall of Eastern Europe's dictatorships, many young West Africans are clamouring for the political freedom and prosperity that their old guard autocratic leaders have failed to deliver.

The suddenness and scale of the discontent has surprised many of the generals and tribal chiefs who have ruled much of former French West Africa with an iron hand for decades.

Protests since December by government workers who have not been paid and students with bright job prospects have quickly turned political.

Demonstrators calling for an end to one-party rule have faced bullets in Benin and

Niger, tanks in Gabon and tear-gas in Ivory Coast.

The pressure for change was illustrated last week by three unprecedented events:

● Widespread student demonstrations against Ivorian leader Felix Houphouet-Boigny, Africa's longest serving president.

● The forced agreement by Benin's President Mathieu Kerekou that opponents could rewrite the constitution and pave the way for his possible removal through elections.

● The dissolution of Gabon's ruling party and the creation of what President Omar Bongo called a new reform-minded party.

The collapse of single-party rule in Eastern

Europe has encouraged the protesters to believe their leaders are not invincible, according to students, politicians, academics and diplomats in the region.

But the driving force behind the unrest has been sub-Saharan Africa's painful slide into poverty during the 1980s, they said.

Africans are no better off now than they were 20 years ago while living standards elsewhere have risen. Black Africa's output of goods and services is the same as that of tiny Belgium.

Most sub-Saharan countries have adopted International Monetary Fund (IMF) reforms resulting in painful cuts in government spending and massive redundancies.

Falling export earnings, economic mismanagement, corruption and the lack of constitutional checks and balances have brought several African countries to the brink of collapse.

Nowhere is this more evident than in Benin, where 15 years of Marxism-Leninism have left the former French colony virtually bankrupt and at the mercy of Western donors.

"This country like many others has had to hit rock bottom before it would listen," said Nicéphore Soglo, a Beninese economist who has left the World Bank to begin a political career back home.

At Western bidding Kerekou abandoned Marxism last December and called a conference of all political forces to work out reforms against a background of student protests and civil service strikes.

"This conference and the call for political mess," a monetary official said.

"Countries like Ivory Coast and Cameroun, where the banking system is wobbling and the economy in difficulty, are not immune to the same," Soglo said.

"Leaders used to say that Africa was not ripe for democracy," Soglo said. "That is not the problem. The truth is there is no lasting development or structural adjustment without multi-party democracy."

Senegal is the only West African state with

multiple parties although English-speaking Nigeria, which has Black Africa's biggest economy and population, plans to return to military rule to a two-party civilian democracy by 1992.

Since the unrest began France has kept a low public profile but its role in the future of its old colonies and their leaders is crucial.

African politicians agree, many of them afloat and French troops are stationed in Ivory Coast, Gabon, Chad, Senegal and the Central African republic.

"So far France is sticking to the status quo and standing by the old guard," said an African politician who declined to be identified.

Jewish emigration a threat: Khalifa

UAE finds Opec quota unacceptable

By Mohammed Zain

THE President of the United Arab Emirates, the government and its people believe that the Jewish immigration to Israel, is one of the most dangerous turning points in the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict since 1967.

Commenting on this issue in an exclusive wide-ranging interview with the Arab Times, the Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahayan said that the immigration of Soviet Jews to occupied Palestine does not only threaten the occupied Arab lands of Palestine, but the rest of the Arab world as well.

The official went on to state: "Emerging from its expansionist nature, Israel is looking to annex more Arab territories in the same manner that the Jewish immigration in the '30s and '40s of this century established the Jewish state in Palestine in 1948."

Sheikh Khalifa said that any addition to Israeli strength, economic, political and human, certainly reduces the opportunities of achieving a just peace in the Middle East. Such unchecked Jewish immigration will lead to a dangerous imbalance in the population in favour of Israel, allowing it to annex the remaining parts of the Arab occupied lands, ultimately resulting in threatening Arab security as a whole.

Strategies

Commenting on strategies to address the Israeli ambitions of achieving a greater Israel, the official said that some called for stopping the immigration, while others called for convening an extraordinary Arab summit to discuss a framework and still others called for forming an Arab committee to hold contacts with the Soviet Union and other parties concerned with the issue headed by the United States. All these options, the official said still fell far short of addressing the dangers posed by the influx of Soviet Jews to occupied Palestine.

Sheikh Khalifa advocated calling urgently on the Soviet Union as a friendly superpower that has always supported the Arab cause to take necessary and practical measures to stop the flow of Soviet Jews to Israel. He added that the two superpowers and all peace loving people should rescind their passive attitudes towards this crime which violates the moral obligations of the big powers and others by permitting a man to be expelled from his house and replaced with a stranger.

The UAE, the official said calls for a high-level Arab move to be directed at the two superpowers and other countries concerned as also international organisations to stop directing the new Soviet Jews immigrant to the Arab lands.

In reply to a query about the recent agreement of Opec on production quotas, Sheikh Khalifa said that the UAE has honestly worked for the unity of Opec and for the stability of the oil market. To maintain the solidarity of Opec members, Sheikh Khalifa said that the UAE has accepted a smaller production quota — though it is not suitable to oil capabilities. He categorically stated: "We



Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahayan pictured with Arab Times correspondent Mohammed Zain.

The official said that all members of the UAE establishment are willing to meet and confer with citizens which is one trait of the traditional characteristics of ruling the country, based on deliberations and dialogue.

Consultation

He stressed the element of shura consultation as a basis for ruling in Islam as deeply established in the system and that the economic oil-related boom had not undermined the operations of this principle. He added that democracy and shura are deeply entrenched as a way of life which constitutes a solemn bond for national unity as publicly embodied in the UAE Federal National Council and the National Consultative Council.

The official said that the deep sense of national responsibility had opened up new vistas of success and strengthened the shura-based system which led to better manifestation of commitment and refinement of performance. He added that the elements of regional stability resulting from the cessation of the Iraq-Iran war had ushered in a new cycle of economic stability which synchronised with the improvement of oil prices.

He said that the emergence of Arab co-operation councils is but the result of strenuous endeavours to bring closer divided ranks of the Arab nation, contribute to ongoing efforts to achieve Arab unity and fulfill the pan-Arab aspiration towards the creation of a unified Arab force. In this respect, he said that any co-operative effort at a bilateral level is a good step towards positive contribution to building of Arab unity. Thus, existing regional or individual co-operation councils would not result in any conflict as they operate within the framework of the same Arab strategy. He urged urgency in attaining Arab unity to be better able to withstand economic and political challenges.

He expressed hope that the year 1990 and the next five years would witness better economic improvement than those recorded in 1989 — both in new projects and increased banking and investment activities at the local level.

The official accorded great importance to national security and safeguarding of national achievements. These he said formed a central point in UAE national policy which emanated in the belief that social and economic development should be placed under arms protection.

Co-operation

The official commented that the emergence of different Arab co-operation councils is a sure sign that an all-out Arab awakening is in progress and a strong manifestation that the Arab nation is fully capable of

appreciating the dangers of today. This he said is specially true at a time when there are strong attempts in the Western world to create a unified system for better operation and performance — such as the proposed European economic unit.

On the international scene, he said that amidst ongoing liberal changes that swept through East Europe into the USSR, the UAE had not overlooked building for itself an outstanding position in the world community as part of its policy of international openness and its awareness of rapid developments in the international arena.

He added that the President, Sheikh Zayed had the deep insight to lead the country to establishing bridges of cooperation with all sisterly and friendly countries in the world, based on a mutually respected principle of non-intervention into domestic affairs. However, the official said that normalisation of relations between the Gulf states and East European countries is a matter of individual concern of each country.

He underlined the deep concern by the GGC leaders to the events in East Europe and their mutual belief in unity of action towards these events. He disclosed that an extensive discussion of the dimensions of these changes was conducted during the recent GGC summit in Muscat and a ministerial committee was set up to follow this issue and prepare an adequate report.

Effects

Speaking of the change in the nature of the relations between the two superpowers, Sheikh Nahayan said that they would have far-reaching effects on international relations and on Arab relations. Even if the Arabs did not get directly involved in conflict, the Arab arena will witness different forms of changes, the official said and called for joint cooperation at all levels to avoid being in the spectator's seat. He underscored this co-operative effort, particularly as the Israeli entity is one of the fastest regimes to react and benefit from these changes in the Western camp through establishing better relations and securing the emigration of a many Jewish emigrants as possible.

He stressed that we as Arabs must define our position and vis-a-vis changes in the Eastern camp. He added that the coming stage is seen as a period of settling issues which have been suspended over a long period of time and we must take vital action to establish better relations with the West and the East.

He stressed the need to mobilise Arab potentials in the best interest of pan-Arab welfare and to maximise investment of Arab power. Pointing out that the decade of the 1990s leaves no room for the weak or the small, the official recommended re-drawing our international political policies based on careful plans and objectives.

He urged all Arabs to appreciate the unity of their destiny which is embodied in closing Arab ranks and unifying Arab will based on literal enactment and implementation of laws and teachings of the great religion, Islam.

Computerisation in co-ops soon: Souraj

ALL co-operative societies will be computerised within the coming three years, according to Chairman of Co-operative Societies Union, Saad Al Souraj.

The introduction of computer facilities are intended to streamline functions of inventory, accounting, ordering of goods, administration and to assist customers.

Speaking in a local daily, the official said that priority is accorded to national products and emphasis is placed on marketing and advertising. These steps are intended to improve consumer confidence in national products and enlighten them on the quality of these products.

He commented on the need to redesign some of the regulations of committees attached in the union which have now become outdated. He stressed that it is vital that these committees adhere to the rapid developments taking place in the co-operative movement in the country.

He said that the renewal of ration cards which was organised last year is still valid and co-operation between the union and Kuwait Municipality is carried out comprehensively. He praised efforts at establishing temporary slaughterhouses during the Eid Al Adha holidays indicating their importance in preventing exploitation of prices and protection of consumers.

Souraj called upon the Audit Bureau to be responsible for the accountancy of co-operative societies to prevent the occurrence of any cheating or fraud as occurred in the past.

He stated that the Co-operative Societies Union has unified prices of more than 70,000 commodities adding that it is far more pragmatic to permit the society's management to manage its own branches independently.

The official said that during the coming years the union will place more emphasis on the Co-operative Magazine to give consumers a clearer picture on the undertaking of the union and societies activities and services. The union will be distributing about 50,000 to 60,000 copies of the magazine in the near future, he added.

Meanwhile, the officials added that the union will prepare the establishment of a co-operative library which will include a large variety of books which reflect the activities of the co-operative movement, its accomplishment and objectives. The library will also gather all information on marketing, products qualities and a number of references and publications. The union is also looking in the feasibility of changing the current union's building premises to accommodate the 300,000 shareholders.

EPC studying glass-recycling

33,000 tons discarded annually

THE Environment Protection Council is studying the feasibility of establishing a glass-recycling plant, according to Dr Mishael Al Mishan, head of the environmental studies section of the council.

He said that the council had suggested in one of its studies to build a centre for gathering and sorting out discarded paper and glass materials with the ultimate objective of recycling them. The official stressed on the importance of laying down a clear policy in organising the collection, sorting and recycling of these materials.

He went on to state that burying remains of these items as is being done presently makes it difficult to use the land for other purposes in the future. This is true because glass remains whole, even if it is buried for several years.

Mishan said that the recycling project is intended to be taken up as a co-operative venture between Kuwait Municipality and

the Environmental Protection Council. Discarded glass is estimated to be in the vicinity of 33,000 tonnes a year and the cost of treating the remains of glass is estimated at about three Kuwaiti dinars per tonne, the official said.

Project

The council has selected a national company that manufactures glass to execute the project, because it is the only local company that re-manufactures waste glass. The company had made several attempts to collect discarded glass, but their efforts proved unsuccessful. He hoped that the local soft drink bottling companies will contribute to the success of the project.

The project will be carried out on an experimental basis for three months based on two different methods. The first will involve placing containers at Abdulla Al Salem suburb's Cooperative and Jahra Cooperative Society. People will be asked to place the throw away glass bottles in these containers

and obtain vouchers from the society against which purchases could be effected. The value of the vouchers will depend on the number of bottles placed in these containers, the official said.

The second plan envisages placing sacks specialised for storing glass bottles at certain housing areas to be collected by cleaning companies.

Kuwait utilises only one per cent of all glass discarded which are those that are damaged during the bottling process. More than 20,000 tonnes of glass in Kuwait represent the throw-away bottles and the project is expected to solve 60 to 70 percent of the problem of glass remains in the country, the official said.

If this project is successful, it will be followed by similar projects for paper, tyres, motor oil and iron. However, the main difficulty in making these projects feasible, is to overcome the obstacle of collection and transporting these items to the factory, Mishan said.

Commerce law being revamped

By Khaled Ahmed

THE present law of commercial companies which was issued more than 25 years ago, is now being seen as inadequate to address the present developments and is to be amended, according to a responsible source at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Accordingly, the Fatwa and Legislation Department has set up two work teams to study details of these amendments prepared by the ministry several months ago. The two teams will be co-ordinating all feed-back received from ministries and relevant departments related to these amendments.

The present law needs appropriate amendments as there are several drawbacks which prevent the implementation of the decisions and recommendations taken by the Joint Economic Committee issued last December relating to the merger of banks and stock companies.

Sources said that the Ministry of Commerce will amend the articles of the law that prevent the application of these decisions and recommendations. The new law is expected to be issued within a period of six months to a year and will incorporate over 400 new articles.

Meanwhile the director of the legal department at the Ministry of Finance Abdul Muhsen Al Usman has said that his department will complete issuing two executive tax laws and laws of state properties besides preparing a new draft law for state properties and a draft law of tax.

He added that the legal department is working to attract law graduates to join the working team and to reorganise the department. The department also appoints graduates of law in the capacity of law researchers as also other experts of law.

Dental Week, March 10-12

KUWAIT Dentist's Society will organise the Eleventh Dental Health Week which is scheduled to be held from March 10-12, 1990.

The organisers of the week, Dr Fatima Al Zaabi said that the week aims at displaying dental health via posters, publications and the exhibition will include a special section on Kuwait's dental services, developments and

methods applied in the treatment and prevention of dental diseases.

The exhibition will also include a special awareness programme for schools. Kuwait television and radio will be introducing special programmes on the occasion and the Ministry of Education will also actively participate in the activities of the week by presenting special models, the official said.

Cyanide came from Qatar ship

BRIGHTON, England, Feb 25 (AP): Authorities closed beaches along the Sussex coast in southern England yesterday, less than 24 hours after they were reopened, when two containers of potentially lethal potassium cyanide washed ashore.

The public was barred from the beaches earlier in the week after six containers of potassium cyanide were found on Sussex beaches.

The Department of Transportation said the containers were part of a chemical shipment being transported by the Qatar-registered freighter Fathul Khair from Sheerness, on England's East Coast, to the Middle East.

It was too early to say whether there would be any prosecution over the incident, an unidentified spokesman said yesterday.

"We have to determine whether the packages were washed overboard in heavy seas," he added. "The legal position also depends on how they were packed."

Brighton Council warned the public to stay away from a 10-mile (16-kilometre) stretch of beach around Brighton after one container was washed up at nearby Hove and another was seen floating off Saltdean.

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No Gulf peace yet: Bishara

GCC gearing to keep guns silent

LONDON, Feb 25. (Kuna): GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Bishara has said the worst part of the Gulf war is over and pointed out that the Gulf Co-operation Council's strategy is geared now to cool volatility in the region and keep guns silent.

The GCC chief executive, in an interview published here today in the Arabic-language Al Sharq Al Awsat (Middle East) newspaper, said the Gulf countries were experiencing an economic recovery since Iran and Iraq agreed to a ceasefire in the summer of 1988.

But he conceded that no official agreement on peace between the two Gulf belligerents was out in the offing and said the six-member GCC is doing all it can not to let the region slip into a political vacuum, with the Iranian-Iraqi peace talks dragging on at a snail's pace.

The GCC is in constant contact with the United Nations and the big powers to ensure that the UN-sponsored mediation in the Gulf would not falter.

"We have passed through the bad chapter in the Gulf region

...and are heading, God willing, for the last comfortable chapter of stability and peace, and this will take time," he said.

Bishara underlined GCC efforts to mend fences with Iran and pointed out that encouraging signals have been coming from Tehran.

"There is no reason that we

should take a negative attitude," he added, referring to historic and religious ties between Iran and its Arab Gulf neighbours.

On the GCC position one-han-

ders the six oil rich states of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

But Bishara said that it was now premature to establish economic contacts with Eastern Europe which he said was "in a period of transition."

Asked to comment on Iraq's recent demand that the US naval units leave Gulf waters, he reiterated the GCC conviction that the Gulf should be "a lake of peace, stability and security."

He noted that the "confusion" that prevailed in the region during the Gulf war was behind the intervention of foreign fleets in the Gulf.

Without blaming any specific party, he particularly cited intercession of international sea routes.

"When the fleet" owners come to believe that intervention in international routes was over, their position might change," he said.

On last week's meeting in Granada, Spain, between GCC and European Economic Com-

munity industrialists, he deplored trade links between the two sides by saying they were still without clear shape.

He added in four years of contacts with the EEC, it has been found that the European industrialists are resting heavily on political decisions and have argued against a free trade formula with the GCC.

He said the Granada meeting, which brought together the largest number of delegates from the two sides since such contacts began, produced no joint ventures or other agreements.

Bishara said the Gulf countries were seeking to see their political ties with the EEC parallel economic links.

He said the GCC can offer Europe a large market and capital for joint ventures in addition to oil.

In return looks to the co-ordination for markets, technology and infrastructure.

The two sides have not embarked on official negotiations which would hinge on an EEC-GCC ministerial meeting in Oman next month, he said.

The GCC is in constant contact with the United Nations and the big powers to ensure that the UN-sponsored mediation in the Gulf would not falter.

"We have passed through the bad chapter in the Gulf region

...and are heading, God willing, for the last comfortable chapter of stability and peace, and this will take time," he said.

Bishara underlined GCC efforts to mend fences with Iran and pointed out that encouraging signals have been coming from Tehran.

"There is no reason that we

should take a negative attitude," he added, referring to historic and religious ties between Iran and its Arab Gulf neighbours.

On the GCC position one-han-

ders the six oil rich states of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

But Bishara said that it was now premature to establish economic contacts with Eastern Europe which he said was "in a period of transition."

Asked to comment on Iraq's recent demand that the US naval units leave Gulf waters, he reiterated the GCC conviction that the Gulf should be "a lake of peace, stability and security."

He noted that the "confusion" that prevailed in the region during the Gulf war was behind the intervention of foreign fleets in the Gulf.

Without blaming any specific party, he particularly cited inter-

cession of international sea routes.

"When the fleet" owners come to believe that intervention in international routes was over, their position might change," he said.

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AN INVASION of armies can be resisted, but not an idea whose time has come — Victor Hugo, French author.

Bus attack backlash PLO-Egypt relations sour

CAIRO, (UPI): Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials have long joked that dealing with their Israeli foe should be more straightforward than coping with an assortment of Arab friends.

The bitter irony of the joke resurfaced recently when PLO smiles to welcome an improvement in ties with bitter foe Syria turned into frowns over a growing war of words with staunch supporter Egypt.

Mayo, the press organ of Egypt's ruling National Democratic Party, launched the anti-PLO campaign after the Feb 4 attack in Egypt on a bus carrying Israeli tourists. Mayo called on Saeed Kamal, the PLO envoy in Cairo, to pack his bags and leave.

The semi-official Cairo daily Al Ahram then called on the second in command of the PLO's El Fatah commando group, Salaf Khalaf, to mind his own business. Khalaf had suggested Egypt revise its peace treaty with Israel in the wake of Soviet Jewish migration to Israel.

The PLO subsequently tried to downplay the quarrel with Egypt.

"There is no rift in Egyptian ties," said Gamal El Sourani, a Cairo-based member of the PLO's executive committee.

Egypt remains crucial to the PLO because it is representing the organisation in slow-moving Mideast peace talks with the United States and Israel. It is hoped the discussions will bring about a US plan for an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue.

Syrian backing for the PLO would strengthen its hand in any peace negotiations. The improvement in the PLO's relationship with Syria comes almost five years after Damascus broke off ties with the organisation.

Complicating

Though the PLO's see-sawing fortunes in the Arab world are nothing new, they are seen as complicating the peace process by making it easier for anti-Arafat radicals opposed to contact with the Jewish state to accuse the PLO of betraying the Palestinian cause.

"The Arab intrigues behind (PLO leader Yasser) Arafat's back have always been there, but it doesn't mean they don't burt," commented one diplomat.

The PLO's better relationship with Syria should ease any negative effects of the anti-Arafat radicals in the run-up to the Israeli-Palestinian talks.

Arab analysts believe Cairo will not hinder the talks, and tend to dismiss the PLO's problems with Egypt as a lover's quarrel. But they say this underlines Arafat's continuing basic weakness: his reliance on others to promote a Palestinian cause that means different things to different people.

"Arafat knows he cannot act alone to achieve a Palestinian state," said columnist Mahmood Al Wani. "Alone he's lost."

Some suspect Arafat's problems with Egypt could be just another twist in Cairo's Mideast diplomacy.

Displeasure

"It could well be a sign of displeasure because Arafat refuses to allow Egypt to announce a list of Palestinian delegates to attend any peace talks with Israel," one Cairo-based envoy said.

The PLO's rift with Syria appears to be healing, however. Damascus broke off relations with the PLO in 1985, after accusing Arafat of instigating disturbances against Syrian leader Hafez Assad.

Assad took action against PLO after failing to bring its core under his control, and Palestinians say some 4,000 Arafat loyalists are still locked up in Syrian jails. Syria has also refused to recognise the Palestinian state declared by the Palestine National Congress two years ago.

But a meeting this month between Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara and Arafat indicated that the war between the two sides was drawing to a close.

Syria has also asked Palestinian radicals to mend fences with PLO, prompting some Damascus-based dissident groups to announce they would attend the Palestine National Council, if it is convened. The council is the parliament-in-exile of Palestinian groups.

Prominent among opponents of the PLO in Syria is Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command. The group has long attacked Arafat's peace moves, including his denunciation of terrorism and recognition of the Jewish state in Geneva in Nov 1988, one month before the PLO began an unprecedented dialogue with the United States in the Tunisian capital of Tunis.

Change

Several factors appear to have prompted Assad's change of mood. Egypt's improved ties with Syria's ideological foe Iraq, and its return to the Arab fold after years of isolation following its 1979 peace treaty with Israel, helped lead Syria to restore ties with Egypt last December.

Arab observers believe that dwindling economic and military aid from the Soviet Union has also played a role. The Soviets have indicated they can no longer finance Syria's avowed goal of strategic parity with Israel. In addition, moderate Arab nations such as Saudi Arabia and Egypt have agreed to support Syria's expensive troop deployment in Lebanon, provided Assad improves ties with the PLO.

But Palestinians suffer no illusions about the future.

"Fighting among Arab brothers has shed as much Palestinian blood as fighting the Zionist enemy," admitted one PLO aide. "We have no illusions and so we cannot be disappointed. The road to statehood is covered in blood, but we will go on."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1531 — Earthquake in Portugal kills tens of thousands of people and flattens much of Lisbon and other cities.

1623 — Dutch massacre English colonists at Amboyna, Indonesia.

1815 — Napoleon Bonaparte escapes from island of Elba.

1837 — Polish constitution is abolished by Russia's Tsar Nicholas I.

1871 — Preliminary peace of Versailles is signed between France and Germany.

1909 — Turkey recognises Austria's annexation of Bosnia.

1918 — German planes bomb Venice, Italy, during World War I.

1934 — Military coup in Japan replaces Koki Hirota as premier.

1952 — Winston Churchill announces that Britain has produced its own atomic bomb.

1962 — Saigon Palace of south Vietnam's president Ngo Dinh Diem is bombed by two fighter-bombers flown by two dissident pilots of South Vietnam's Air Force.

1968 — Israel's foreign minister Abba Eban announces that Israel has agreed to what he calls "a form of negotiation" with Arabs.

1974 — Ethiopian army units seize Asmara, second largest city in Ethiopia, and demand better pay and living conditions.

1977 — Uganda's president Idi Amin says his country is ready to meet any threat from US naval task force standing off East African coast.

1986 — New Philippines President Corazon Aquino asks supporters of deposed leader Ferdinand E Marcos for their cooperation in task of rebuilding country.

1987 — Afghan aircraft bomb two Pakistani border villages, killing at least 35 people and injuring more than 200 others.

1988 — Soviet leader Mikhail S Gorbachev makes unprecedented appeal for calm in protest-plagued Soviet republic of Armenia.

1989 — Ayatollah Khomeini meets with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze for talks centring on Islam.



Racial segregation days numbered

Last vestiges to be uprooted

Apartheid at a glance

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, (AP): "Miracles are happening," said Olga Lutu, who runs a school in a black shantytown. "Freedom is a real possibility."

She was looking into the future.

So, in his way, was T. J. Ferreira, a 39-year-old white service station owner.

"I played sports with blacks and that didn't bother me," he said. "I didn't mind lunching with blacks. We just don't want to be governed by them."

Apartheid, while not dead, is showing symptoms of terminal illness. The question before South Africa now seems to be whether it will be a peaceful or painful death.

Growing numbers of South Africans across the political spectrum — from black activists to right-wing whites — believe the last of the major apartheid laws imposed in 1984 may be scrapped or rendered ineffective within a year or two, possibly within months.

However sweeping the legal changes, apartheid will leave a legacy of mistrust, prejudice and economic inequality that may take decades to overcome.

But long-term worries are now coupled with a surge of optimism among blacks following President F. W. de Klerk's decision to free African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela and lift a 30-year ban on the ANC.

"Everybody came out of their houses when we heard the news, and we were singing in the streets," said Mrs. Lutu, a robust energetic mother of four whose school is in a shantytown called Orange Farms.

She believes statutory apartheid will be gone within a few years.

"The people are liberating themselves," she said. "Nothing ever happens if people are quiet."

Apartheid has been crumbling slowly but steadily for more than a decade. So-called "petty apartheid" — segregation of theatres, beaches and buses, among other things — has ended in most areas, and rural blacks no longer face legal barriers if they want to move to a city.

De Klerk has speeded up the pace of reform during his seven months in office, asserting that discrimination is wrong and proposing negotiations aimed at extending political rights to blacks. Black militants are pressing for abolition of the last crucial group of laws known as the "pillars of apartheid."

These include the Group Areas Act, which mandates segregation of residential areas; the Land Act, which prevents blacks from owning land in more than 80 percent of South Africa; and the Population Registration Act, which requires all South Africans to be officially classified by race.

These laws have enabled the government to exclude blacks from national elections and persist with the last major categories of segregation — residential areas, state-run schools and public hos-

itals.

Service station owner Ferreira, an Afrikaner and a member of the pro-apartheid Conservative Party, serves on the municipal council in Boksburg, an industrial city near Johannesburg. He and other conservatives took control of the council in 1988 and banned non-whites from recently integrated municipal facilities.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Nouri ends visit

Europe urged to drop tariffs

KUWAIT, Feb 25. (Kuna): Chairman and managing director of the Kuwait Petrochemical Industries Company Abdullaq Al Nouri returned home today after heading a joint meeting for European and Gulf industrialists.

The meeting, part of a conference held in Granada in the period 18-22 of the month, was designed to listen to varying viewpoints on the issue of petrochemical products exchange between the Gulf Co-operation Council and the European Economic Community.

In a speech delivered at the meeting, Al Nouri urged European governments to drop all tariffs imposed on Gulf products to create a fairer competition between GCC and EEC products.

Calling for designing a new agreement on commercial exchange, he said "the political developments in Europe and the developments aiming at the establishment of a single European market in 1992 highlight the necessity of reaching a commercial agreement between the two groups."

Headed "such an agreement should be comprehensive" and should open the doors before Gulf petrochemical products "allowing a free access to European markets" with no limitations on quantities and no imposition of any fees."

A series of meetings and conferences have been held by petrochemical producers in the GCC and the EEC after signing the economic agreement of 1988 to try to reach an acceptable formula which would realise justice in terms of the flow of materials and products in both directions.

On this basis the meeting of Gulf petrochemical producers was held in summer 1989 in Bahrain, where the basis of the dialogue were defined. A committee was formed to examine various viewpoints on the exchange of petrochemical products.

Another meeting was held during the month of October last year in Brussels, where the Gulf side was represented by the ambassador at the Saudi Foreign Ministry Ma'Moun Kurdi. The meeting agreed to hold a broader meeting at the end of January this year with wider participation from both sides.

Job cuts unveiled

NEW YORK, Feb 25. (Opeca): The Chevron Corporation announced yesterday that it would trim up to 1,000 jobs this year, or 12 per cent of the payroll of its domestic exploration and production unit.

The Dallas-based company revealed that it would also sell \$700 million worth of domestic properties in the next two years. The changes would result in charges of \$25 to 30 million against first-quarter earnings.

However, the fourth largest oil company in the United States said it would still continue to expand its search for oil and natural gas deposits overseas.

Experts have criticised Chevron chairman Kenneth Derr, who replaced George Keller a year ago, for moving too slowly in trimming excess operations that were inherited from the company's acquisition of the Gulf Oil Corporation six years ago.

Following the announcement, which was made in the last hour of trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Chevron's shares climbed 62.5 cents, but that was not enough to recover earlier losses and the shares ended the day down 50 cents at \$69.37.

In December, the Pennzoil Company disclosed that it held eight per cent of Chevron's common shares. Chevron immediately took legal action, which has not been resolved, to block further purchases by Pennzoil.

Oil earnings up

MEXICO CITY, Feb 25. (AP): Mexico earned \$7.28 billion from crude oil exports in 1989, a 24.3 per cent increase from 1988, the state-owned oil monopoly Pemex said.

Exports averaged 1.28 million barrels a day in 1989, up slightly from the 1.3 million barrels a day in 1988, a communiqué from Petróleos Mexicanos, S.A. said Thursday.

The income was up from the \$5.85 billion in 1988, but still far below the \$13.3 billion in 1985, the year before the sharp fall in world oil prices.

Of the 1989 exports, 344,100 barrels a day were of the light Istiham crude, 786,100 of heavy Maya crude, and 147,500 of the extra light Olmex.

Overall level of confidence boosted

THE upturn of economic activities in the Gulf continued last year and the outlook for 1990 is more promising than any time since the beginning of the recession in 1983. Signs of renewed economic growth are now quite evident. Rising oil revenues, higher exports of petrochemicals, aluminium and other industrial products, firming up of rents and real estate prices, strong performance of the region's stock markets, resurgence in deposits and demand for commercial bank credit, a noticeable improvement in commerce and retail sales activities and greater interest on the part of private businessmen seeking

domestic investment opportunities are all indicators of favourable economic conditions prevailing in the region, according to GIB monthly report.

Henry T. Azzam, the chief economist of GIB said the overall level of confidence was further boosted by the improvement in the geo-political atmosphere regionally and world-wide. The end of the cold war between the two superpowers, developments in Eastern Europe and the build-up of the peace process in the region are bound to reflect positively, one way or another, on the Gulf countries.

The recovery of the world oil

market is expected to continue. Strong economic growth prospects in Europe and Japan will more than offset the anticipated slight slowdown of the US economy this year and help sustain the rise in world demand for oil.

The end of the cold war could mean millions of dollars of savings in defence expenditure that would be channelled towards productive investment in both the East and the West. The economic liberalisation of Eastern Europe and prospects of Western capital inflow to the region could generate an added impetus to world economic growth.

The rapid developments there

rose by more than 20 per cent.

A general adherence to production quota levels agreed upon in the last Opec meeting of November 1989 and the upward trend in the world demand for Opec oil could see additional firms in average oil prices this year.

Adding to future growth prospects in the region are huge investments planned in the oil, petrochemicals, aluminium, natural gas and various other industrial outlets. Saudi Arabia, UAE and Kuwait are pressing ahead with plans to raise their oil production capacity to meet a projected surge in world demand in the 1990s.

The Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (Sabic) is expected to spend around \$6 billion to expand its production plants and enhance its product range in the next few years. Kuwait is also moving ahead with plans for eight petrochemical factories in the south of the country.

In Qatar, the development of the North Field gas scheme will make further headway this year, while Bahrain is going ahead with a number of projects to expand the country's industrial infrastructure.

Four important developments will stand out this year: (a) the return of confidence to the Gulf markets will translate into

expansionary business and investment plans, relaxed consumer spending patterns, reduced need for cost cutting and an upturn in employment opportunities; (b) further oil revenues will make it possible for the governments to implement their targeted expansionary budgets for 1990 thus giving added boost to domestic economic growth; (c) capital market activities will pick up with stronger secondary bond markets and intensified privatisation efforts as more national and regional institutions choose to increase their capital base through share flotation.

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GCC oil earnings set to edge up further

Higher crude prices boost Gulf economies

BAHRAIN, Feb 25. (Reuters): Higher oil prices boosted the oil revenues of six Gulf Arab states by 30 per cent to \$45.8 billion in 1989, a senior Gulf economist said in a report published today.

"Gulf International Bank Economics" Henry Azzam said total oil earnings for the six Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states were set to edge up a further 2.1 per cent to \$46.7 billion in 1990, providing prices remained firm.

The GCC groups Opec members Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with non-Opec Bahrain and Oman. All six are trying to reduce dependence on oil, which accounts for more than 50 per cent of their GDP.

Azzam said GCC economies would continue to benefit from higher oil prices in 1990 but would grow more slowly than in 1989, when the average price of

Opec's basket of crudes leaped to \$17.3 a barrel from \$14.28 in 1988.

Prices would remain above \$18 in 1990 as long as Opec members adhered more strictly to quotas when demand slackened in the second half of the year, he said.

A more diversified economic structure and sounder Gulf business practices would also boost GCC development.

The Gulf countries emerged from the (1983) recession in much better shape than most analysts had thought — equally important, the region today is quite different from the one that experienced the boom years," he said.

Azzam said several economic trends would stand out in 1990.

Business investment and consumer spending would continue to increase, higher oil prices would enable governments to

implement expansionary budgets and capital market privatisation.

He predicted Saudi Arabia's nominal GDP growth rate would slow to 2.5 per cent in 1990 from an estimated 3.5 per cent in 1989 while Kuwait's would drop to two per cent from four.

The UAE's GDP growth rate was projected to fall to four per cent from nine in 1989 while Oman's would decline to five per cent from eight, he said.

GDP growth for Bahrain and Qatar would both rise to three per cent in 1989 from 2.5 per cent in 1988 on the start-up of major industrial projects, Azzam said.

Meanwhile the Gulf International Bank (GIB), the second-biggest offshore bank in Bahrain, said on Thursday it recorded a loss of \$692.5 million in 1989 after setting aside money for shaky Third World debts.

GIB general manager Ghazi

Crude prices nose dive

NEW YORK, Feb 25. (UPI): US crude oil prices nosedived Friday after it became evident there was more than enough crude available in the final day of scheduling March pipeline deliveries from the US Gulf Coast cash market.

For the past several months traders have been carrying more barrels than they needed to take advantage of rising demand as the final day approaches for scheduling month-ahead deliveries to the Cushing, Oklahoma, Midwest terminal.

"This month, it didn't turn out that way. There is too much March crude on the spot market," said Michael McDermott of Paine Webber Inc. in New York, with the result of some traders "giving back" the profits they had made in previous months.

Demand this month has been slackening as refiners begin preparations for the annual March maintenance shutdowns to "turnaround" their facilities for the maximum production of gasoline over heating oil.

On the US Gulf Coast spot market, the benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for March delivery was being bid at \$21.10 a barrel, down 15 cents on the day and \$1.30 on the week.

WTI fell 4 cents on the New York Mercantile Exchange to \$21.42 a barrel, which was 83 cents less than last Friday.

Three companies — Sun Co., Radnor, the Conoco Inc. subsidiary of Du Pont in Houston and the Marathon Oil Co. unit of USX Corp. in Findlay, Ohio — dropped by 75 cents the posted price they will pay for crude at the wellhead to \$21.50 a barrel for WTI.

Unleaded gasoline for March delivery fell 0.40 cent on the Merc to 59.85 cents a gallon, a scant 0.14 cent less than last week.

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Oil economy seems to be coming back

Texas finds its feet again

DILLEY, Texas, Feb 25. (AP): Trucks rumble down dirt trails to service the wells that have sprouted in this dusty, cactus-filled backwood. One eatery has installed tabletop telephones to accommodate the dealmakers crammed the local hotels.

Spurred by new technology and higher prices, this part of oil country is growing at a pace not seen since the glut of the 1980s.

But some here remain cautious, humbled by short-lived booms in the past.

"You don't see all the new pickups running up and down the road that you did" during past upswings, said Inez Asher, a former mayor of Dilley. The town of 2,500 is at the centre of the Pearsall field activity, about 80 miles (130 kilometres) southwest of San Antonio.

But land lease prices rose from \$50 an acre last year to as much as \$450. The county courthouse in Pearsall stays open late at night to accommodate landmen searching records.

Rooms are at a premium at the Porterhouse Inn in Pearsall, one of the few hotels in the area.

Rental housing has been swallowed up by new workers. Oil rig workers earn about \$9 an hour, nearly triple what local farm hands make.

Phones were installed at the tables at Pappa's, a truckstop and bus station along Interstate 35 where dealmakers dine.

Sales tax collections have doubled; bank deposits are up 20 per cent.

So is traffic. "We're really beginning to need a red light," Ms Asher said.

Booms have been seen before in the Austin Chalk, the geological formation that includes the Pearsall field. But the area earned the nickname "Heart-

break field" because one well would produce and another nearby would come up dry. The oil there is found in vertical fractures that left little room for mistake.

The recent record flows have come from wells tapped late last year using horizontal drilling techniques that maximise chance of a find. Horizontal wells, which make a 90-degree turn more than a mile (1.6 kilometres) underground, can link several vertical formations, increasing chances for success.

The main question is how long the increased production rates will be maintained. Some experts suspect the wells may expire faster than vertical wells.

Oryx Energy Co. of Dallas pioneered the horizontal process in the region. Since Oryx revealed its success with horizontal drilling in August, companies have flocked to the field, even though Oryx had acquired leases on much of the prime drilling area before showing its hand, said Jim Roberts, Oryx vice-president of production. The company plans to keep seven rigs busy drilling 85 wells this year.

Although rivals are drilling scores of wells, nobody has matched Oryx' perfect record at finding oil with horizontal wells.

Horizontal wells are credited for the Austin Chalk recovery, but the rebound elsewhere in Texas is linked to oil prices that have remained relatively steady at more than \$20 a barrel for months, which is considered a sign of strength in the energy market.

The oil industry has been hoping for a return to stability since prices weakened by the increased production of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries collapsed to about \$10 a barrel in 1986.

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GCC operations

PEPSI-COLA International has re-structured its GCC operations by consolidating its management and marketing functions for the region in a single office.

Heading up the team is Saad Abdul Latif, recently appointed as vice-president of Pepsi-Cola International for the Arabian peninsula. Saad Abdul Latif was previously market manager for Saudi Arabia.

The changes we have implemented will improve our Gulf management team by creating new specialist marketing and operations areas," said Saad Abdul Latif. "This will improve our performance in the region where we already have one of the largest soft drinks market shares in the world."

Pepsi-Cola International's regional office in Dubai provides field support to its 17 franchised bottling companies in the region, including 11 for Pepsi and six for 7UP. Six of these are in Saudi Arabia, three in UAE and two each in Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar.

Eastern strike produces no winners

MIAMI, Feb 25, (UPI): After a grueling year of economic warfare, airline boss Frank Lorenzo and his union foes at Eastern Airlines can agree on one point: the bitter, year-long Eastern strike has produced no winners.

"Nobody wins in a strike," said Frank Orvis, a local machinist official in Miami. "We have had terrible casualties."

The long-running battle between Eastern management and the company's unions also has failed to produce an ending. A year after the strike began, the fate of Eastern and more than 20,000 workers remains uncertain.

"It is a battle no one has won," Lorenzo told a group of business leaders during a rare south Florida appearance in January.

The International Association of Machinists struck Eastern on March 4, 1989, after negotiations failed to break a 17-month-old contract dispute.

Pilots and flight attendants, angry over Lorenzo's hard-ball management tactics, stayed off the job in droves, in a show of solidarity that knocked the wind out of the nation's seventh-largest airline.

Thousands of passengers were stranded as Eastern tried to bully its pilots back into the cockpit. When a federal judge refused to order the pilots back to work, Eastern filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

A year later, IAM members continue to walk the picket line, although some hold little hope for Eastern's survival.

"I don't think anybody realistically thinks there is a resolution," said Fernando Sereix, 30, a former Eastern electronics technician. "They're just waiting to see it (Eastern) go down."

The pilots union, which called off its sympathy strike in November, continues to push for the sale of Eastern in the hopes of winning back some of the jobs lost in the strike.

"We took down the picket line, but not one of us is back yet," said E.J. Breen, a spokesman for the Eastern chapter of the Air Line Pilots Association.

Meanwhile, Eastern struggles to find the formula that will allow it to satisfy creditors and emerge from bankruptcy as a viable carrier.

Company officials insist that Eastern can make a comeback, and while they say they are not planning or proposing to merge the airline with its sister carrier, Continental, they have not ruled out that option.

But some analysts say an eventual merger of Eastern with Continental is the more likely outcome.

"Whether Eastern eventually folds its tent as an airline, or is merged into Continental, still remains to be seen," said Louis Marckesano of Jauney, Montgomery, Scott in Philadelphia. "I think there is a better chance that it will just be folded into continental. I don't see Eastern making it alone, and Continental could use the help."

Developments in the high-stakes bankruptcy entered a new, critical stage as the one-year anniversary of the strike approached.

Eastern and its unsecured creditors reached agreement Feb 22 on a reorganization plan that includes participation by Eastern's parent company, Texas Air Corp., and Continental. Eastern said the plan could allow it to merge from bankruptcy by mid-year.

Under the agreement, the unsecured creditors, who are owed about \$980 million by Eastern, would receive \$490 million in cash and notes, or about 50 cents of the dollar. The notes would be guaranteed by Continental.

The company's unsecured creditors said the agreement would provide a solid foundation for a successful and prompt reorganization.

Petra Bank strike ends

AMMAN, Jordan, Feb 25, (AP): A three-day strike by employees of the troubled Petra Bank ended today after a government-mediated pay settlement was announced.

As bank staff returned to work Mousa Shakhshir, secretary-general of the Banking and Insurance Employees' Association, said the settlement gave the workers increases ranging from 1-19 per cent.

They had sought raises of at least 20 per cent and demanded management reforms. The bank's government-appointed management had offered raises of 1-15 per cent.

Shakhshir said management had also agreed to establish a salary scale which will be negotiated with the association.

"We're all happy with the results," he said.

Most of the bank's 600 employees struck last Wednesday, expressing unhappiness with the new management and complaining they had not received any pay raises in five years, despite soaring inflation.

The government's economic security committee took over the bank last August when liquidity problems left Petra unable to meet Central Bank reserve requirements.

Bank founder Ahmed Chalaby left the country and Finance Ministry officials have since accused him of mismanagement, questionable loan practices and currency speculation. He has denied the charges.

US is not 'out of recessionary woods'

NEW YORK, Feb 25, (UPI): Consumer prices this week recorded their biggest increase in nearly eight years but there was no indication the government would tighten credit as the surge in food and energy prices seemed temporary.

Although Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan said indicators suggested that the US economy might have passed its weakest point, there were lingering signs of weakness shown by job reduction at major companies, including Chevron Corp and Digital Equipment Corp.

Exxon Corp., in a surprise move, also wrote off an additional \$300 million against its 1989 earnings as the giant oil company seemed close to reaching an agreement with the Justice Department to avoid criminal prosecution for damage resulting from the Alaska oil spill.

Exxon lowered its 1989 earnings from the previously reported \$3.8 billion to \$3.5 billion.

The added charge brought the company's total 1989 spill write-off to \$1.68 billion, which when added to the amount claimed as a tax deduction brought the projected amount to be spent by the company to \$2.5 billion.

Adding at least another \$400 million covered by insurance, the cleanup cost currently totals an estimated \$3 billion.

The Labour Department reported Wednesday that food and energy costs pushed consumer prices up a staggering 1.1 per cent in January, the biggest increase in nearly eight years.

Analysts had expected the hike in food and energy prices because of the cold wave that gripped most of the nation in late December.

"Increases in food and energy prices accounted for over 60 per cent of the January's advance," the department's Bureau of Labour Statistics said.

"In particular, record monthly increases were recorded in the indexes for fuel oil and fruits — up 26.3 per cent and 10.2 per cent, respectively — and gasoline prices rose 7.7 per cent," the bureau said.

The report was released less than 24 hours after Greenspan told Congress to look for a 1990 inflation rate as low as 4 per cent.

In his semiannual report to Congress, Greenspan warned that the nation is not "out of the recessionary woods." He also cautioned that corporate earnings were failing and expressed reservation over excess indus-

trial and household debt.

"However, available indicators of near-term economic performance suggest that the weakest point may have passed," Greenspan told a House Subcommittee on domestic monetary policy. "Such evidence warrants at least guarded optimism."

Greenspan said housing starts appear to be on the rebound, the ailing automotive industry has gotten its house in order, and "industrial activity outside of motor vehicles appear to be holding up."

From these and similar data, one can infer the beginnings of a modest firming in economic activity," he said.

But Tuesday, Chevron announced in San Francisco that it will eliminate 800 to 1,000 jobs this year in a major restructuring of its domestic exploration and production business.

The cuts amount to between 10 per cent and 12 per cent of Chevron's total domestic oil and natural gas production and exploration workforce.

Some workers will be offered jobs in other parts of the company, but about half are expected to be laid off, a spokesman said.

A day later, the nation's No. 2 computer manufacturer, Digital

Equipment, said layoffs and other staff-cutting measures were under "active" consideration and that it may report its first quarterly loss ever.

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Philippines at the ASK

Representing the "Philippines" during the International Week Celebrations at the American School of Kuwait, top left: Mitchie Tanoco, Michelle Paras, Madylene Paras (Winnowing Dancers), bottom: Sylvia Suaverde and Ricky Sandoval (Tinikling Dancers).

ARTS

Hobby Centre

AN invitation is extended to all Canadian women to attend this meetng which will be held on Saturday March 3 from 4 to 6 pm in Qurtuba. For more information contact 2563025 or 2563867.

Goan Welfare Society
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Sultan Gallery

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Act
ACT's production of the Skin of Our Teeth at UAS, Salwa, 8 pm, Feb 27, 28 and March 1. Directed by George Plautz. For reservations please call 5725071, 5731782.

SOCIAL

Mild mahfil

A Mild mahfil has been organised by the Bandhan Natya Chakra on Feb 28, at 6.30 pm at the Bangladesh Embassy (Khaldya), to pay tribute to the martyrs of the Language Movement.

The Ambassador of Bangladesh K.M. Shabuddin will be the chief guest. All Bangladeshis are cordially invited.

Children's variety show

RANGDHANU, a children's variety show which includes a play, will be staged on March 1, Thursday at the Theatre Hall of Kuwait University Law Faculty. Shuwaikh campus, at 6.30 pm. For cards, contact 4840759, 4312730, 4312280, 4733106 or 3729425.

Annual one act Play Competition

INDIAN Arts Circle announces the II Annual One Play Competition to be held in May 1990. The competition is open to Plays in any Indian language including English. Awards shall include Best Play, 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Best Director, Best Actor & Actress, Best Child Actor, Best Stage Setting and Best Acting Performance from each team. Registration form with rules & regulations are available from Indian Arts Circle office at Funaiya. Last date of submitting registration form with required details is 28th February, 1990.

Please contact IAC office (Tel. 3904817) for further details. All Indian associations engaged in theatrical activities are requested to join.

Kuwait Welsh Society

ST. DAVID'S Day buffet dinner Thursday, 1st March 1990 at Messilah Beach Hotel. For more information ring 3713467, 3912384, 5625316.

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Ladies International League of Kuwait

JOIN us at our next meeting on Monday, March 5, at the Holiday Inn. Doors open at 3:30, programme at 4:30. Hope to see ladies there. Door charge.

Steps Ballet School

WE announce that we are now the official co-ordinators for the Royal Academy of Dancing, London. We invite any teachers of ballet here in Kuwait to contact us if they would like to enter any of their students for the Royal Academy of Dance Examinations which will be held this coming May 1990. Entries must be in by March 31. Examinations will be held sometime in May for our own students, and outside students of other teachers are welcome to enter their children also.

Please contact us on 5386481 from 9 to 12 noon only. In the afternoons, 5653216/8 ext 55, from 4 to 7pm (the examination session will be conducted by a visiting examiner from the Royal Academy of Dance, London, as is usual for Steps Ballet School RAD candidates.)

Craft Centre

MOTHERS are your hands too full with your tots on weekends? Here's a chance for you to relax and introduce them to creative art. For details contact 5635740, between 9-12 noon. Tickets on sale at 2530000 ext 4010.

Spring Bazaar for Khalifa School

YOU are invited to an exhibition of handicrafts and gift items on Thursday March 1, 1990 at Kirtab International Hotel's Old Falaka Room from 10 am to 7pm. Of the products on display are Latin American rugs, Silver, souvenirs, brassware, decoupage, ceramics and other works of art. All donations for the Khalifa School will go to the handicapped.

Martyrs' Day: Shatadal Cultural Group

FEB 27: Shatadal Cultural Group will be holding their Martyrs' Day at the Messilah Beach Hotel's Al Anan Hall at 6:30 pm on February 27. The programme includes a seminar, poems, recitation and songs.

Ladies International League
LIL newcomers: A coffee morning will be held on Feb 26 at the Sheraton Hotel from 10 am to 12 noon. New comers to LIL and Kuwait will be most welcome. For further information please call Ann on 5316905.

Bits 'n' Pieces

An interesting 8 week course in patchwork and quilting techniques. For details contact Tel. 5634663.

APPROB essay competition

ASSOCIATION of Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen (APPROB) has extended the last date of its essay competition from 15th March to 15th April. The essay competition on the topic "My role in building a better Pakistan" is being held on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Pakistan Resolution.

Pakistani students in the age group of between 12-14 (juniors) and 15-18 (seniors) are invited to write their essays in Urdu or English, which should be between 1,000 to 1,500 words.

Four prizes of KD 100 each (2 each for Urdu and English) will be awarded to the best articles in each group with other consolation prizes for deserving participants.

The panel of judges is headed by Dr M.I. Saleem, Dr. Ali Jaffrey and Abdus Sattar Ghazali. For further details, contact Tel. APPROB: 2425315 Fax: 5323751.

Amadeus Chamber Orchestra

THE 20 member Amadeus Chamber Orchestra led by Mrs Agnieszka Duzczmal will be performing at the Kirtab International Hotel on 4th and 5th March. The Amadeus Chamber Orchestra has performed frequently in Poland and in over 18 European countries as well as in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Brazil. Tickets on sale at 2530000 ext 4010.

BBC world service highlights

Global Concerns

Last year World Service broadcast Global Concerns, a short series of programmes which examined environmental issues world-wide. So successful was the series that it is returning as a regular weekly programme that will run all year around. Noreen Alexander will be drawing together all the elements of environmental matters which until now have been reported in a variety of programmes. Global concerns will not be looking only at headline-grabbing stories such as the Greenhouse Effect but all the ways in which human activity is changing the natural world, and the ways in which we can alter the situation. Friday, March 2, at 14.15.

Other-wise

Increasing numbers of people in the West are forsaking drugs, doctors and hospitals for 'alternative' medicine such as acupuncture and reflexology. In a new series of four programmes Robert Eagle assesses some of these therapies beginning with homeopathy and herbalism.

Friday, March 2 at 10.30 and 15.15.

CINEMA

Al Andalus
Arabic film
Al Salmiyah
Hall Book
Al Hamsa
Batman
Drive-in
Arabic film
Al Firdous
Agnee Path
Fahaseel Open
Fahaseel
Arabic film
Al Jabra
Nowhere to Hide
Granada
Too hot to Trot
Salabikhah
License to Kill
Jeeb
Accident Swagatham
Ahmadi Drive-in
Arabic film

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.58 am
Zohr	12.01 pm
Asr	3.18
Magrib	5.45
Isha	6.02

The Skin of Our Teeth

This is a reminder about ACT's production of Thornton Wilder's comedy "The Skin of Our Teeth." Wilder was never "wilder" than with this play that presents the history of mankind in three disaster-filled acts. The large east has been working hard since December to bring you another high quality evening of entertainment. Be sure not to miss it. The play will be presented on February 27, 28 and March 1 at 8.00 pm at the Universal American School, Salwa. Tickets can be reserved by calling 5725071 or 5731782. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the night of the performance.

on the Sour grounds, Kuwait City, beginning March 27/28 1990. For further information please contact organisers 2441860 Castrol.

ACOI seven-a-side

ACOI overseas is pleased to announce their first one day football tournament which will be held on the March 2, 1990, at the Sour Grounds.

For further information contact Casmiro D'Souza or Meno Leitao at the Sour Grounds.

Apollo Fitness Centre at Holiday Inn Kuwait

Julin Dent wants you to check out the new look at Holiday Inn and make 1990 the year for a happier, healthier you. Squash and tennis courts with professional coaches available. Separate gym facilities for men and women, including steam, sauna and jacuzzi. Burn off those extra pounds in Julie's exercise classes or swim your way to fitness in our heated pool. Why not try out our 4-lanes bowling alley or simply relax in the lounge with friends. You have tried the rest, now sample the best. Call in now for further details on membership, activities and events. There is something for everyone. So, whatever your sport, call now on 4742000 ext. 6700 or ext. 6788 for the recreation manager.

Tivim Centre

TIVIM Centre is pleased to announce their 3rd Annual 9-a-side Inter Village Football Tournament which will be held on Saturday 9.00 am to 9.00 pm. For details please call: 2530000/8050 (Recreation).

MBH Sports Centre

Life saving course, with Royal Life Saving Society Coach, Grade I Examiner will be commencing shortly.

Ergocycle Fitness Computer

Six of the best: the hit man

Dulcie Gray, Michael Denison and Philip Sully star in this comedy by J.C.W. Brook. It is the story of George who is feeling bored and in need of a change after 45 years of marriage. Before he can do anything he must dispose of his wife and to do this he has enlisted the help of Mr Romero, a Sicilian hit man. Thursday, March 1 at 14.30 and 20.15 and Friday, March 2 at 5.30.

Composer Cameos

The 18th century French composer Jean-Marie Leclair was stabbed to death, probably by a jealous nephew. In the first of a series of six profiles of lesser-known composers Stephen Dodgson looks at the life and work of Leclair who is probably best remembered for his violin sonatas and his opera Scylla and Glaucus.

Tuesday, February 27 at 12.45 and 17.45. Recommended frequencies are: 17.64MHz; 17.01m, 15.07MHz/19.91m, 11.76MHz/25.51m.

TELEVISION PROGRAMME

KTV 1

MORNING
9.30 Opening and Holy Quran
9.40 Sahab Al Kheir, news
9.50 Cartoon Serial
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)
10.30 Shuaa Min Al Madhi: Arabic Serial (part 11)

11.45 From My Kitchen: local serial (part 9), starring Abdul Husain Abdul Redha, Mohammed Jaber and Abdulla Khraibit
12.30 News summary
12.35 Holy Quran and closedown

EVENING

4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
4.15 The World Today via Saileene (repetition)
4.45 Sahab Al Fadhar: Cartoon serial
5.15 Mama Anisa and Children: local children programme, prepared by and presented by Samiya Mohammed Mama Anisa

5.45 Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements
6.00 Wa Qala Hakeem: historical serial
7.00 Varieties
7.15 Holy Quran and science: Religious programme prepared and presented by Dr Ahmad Shawqi

8.00 Cultural programme
8.30 Good Evening and local news
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Omriyat Al Ethneen: local programme, prepared and presented by Mohammed Al Baris

10.15 Illa Al Shabab Maa Al Tabeya: New Gulf serial (part 2). Starring: Saad Al Faraj, Suaad Abdullah, Hind Kamel
11.00 Al Mawed: variety programme (part 8),

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12.00 The last of the Mohicans. Starring: Rudolf Scott, Peny Barnes. Incidents during America's French-Indian war.

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Learning the subtle art of flirting

Melanie Rein can't stop flirting — yet her husband doesn't mind. He knows she's just putting her theories into practice.

"Flirting is a natural, fun thing to do," she told me. "It's a way of dealing with your own sexuality and feeling attractive."

Even if you are in a steady relationship, it's nice to know someone else finds desirable.

Fair-haired and "thirty-something", Melanie says she never gets jealous when her husband, Anthoony, flirts with another woman. "I trust him — and I'm quite flattered that other women fancy him."

"He never objects to my flirting with other men either."

Now the trained social worker is teaching others to flirt, running courses on the subject from her large Victorian house in North London.

Five-year-married, Melanie certainly has the credentials. She admits that, when she met the man she would eventually marry, she spent an entire evening flirting with him and continued to flirt for weeks before agreeing to go on a date.

So is she the perfect flirt? "There is no such thing," she told me. "Women are naturally better flirts than men because they are better communicators."

Flirting is about communicating and waiting to tell the other person that you find them desirable without necessarily wanting to jump into bed with them.

"Many men find it difficult to flirt and have to learn how to do it."

"My course attracts a number of men, from city businessmen who want to meet women, to shy

young, office boys, desperate to chat up girls of their own age."

So what's the secret? "There's an art to it," she told me. "A person should be subtle and not obvious when showing interest in the opposite sex."

"That means no winking or groping because most women and men either find it offensive or think it's the ultimate come-on. Either way, your partner is not going to treat you with much respect."

"I met a man who tried to pick women up by winking at them across the bar. Obviously he wasn't having much luck and I had to sit him down and put him in the woman's position. Only then could he see how ridiculous he looked and how threatening his behaviour was."

Smile

Instead, she recommends smiling. "A smile can convey many feelings such as caring," she told me. "If someone smiles at me across a room I think 'What a nice person' and want to go and talk to them."

"A smile makes a person more approachable and is a way of saying 'hey, look at me' rather than 'let's go to bed.'

Body language is also very important. "If I see someone sitting in a corner with both their arms and legs crossed, I think the person is very nervous and afraid of their own sexuality, so I don't

bother to approach them."

"But if I see someone who is sitting in a relaxed manner, with open arms, I'm drawn to them because they're the kind of person I'd want to flirt with."

Many a flirtation begins at eye level, according to Melanie. "Eye contact is very important. It tells the other person you find their appearance pleasing and what to get to know them better. It's a way of introducing yourself and offering encouragement to the shy."

Touching

But touching is definitely out because most women — and some men — hate it. Melanie told me: "I hate men putting their arm around me or touching my knee because that makes me think they're only after one thing — getting me into bed. They're not the sort of person who is willing to spend time talking to me without any thing sexual taking place."

Flirting is associated with sleeping around and some people presume that only 'fast women' flirt. That's not true — I have friends who are in happy relationships and flirt all the time. It can be fun and good for the ego."

Melanie believes the best place to attract the attention of the opposite sex and to overcome bashfulness is at a party. She explained: "Going to a party and not knowing anyone

can be difficult. You either want the ground to swallow you up or you decide to gain some Dutch courage and drink. But if you start talking to someone and begin to flirt, your self-confidence comes back."

"It's also easier to flirt at a party because everyone is doing it, in a 'oo strings attached' way, so it means you can walk at the end of the evening if you're not too interested in the person."

There are some situations, however, where flirting isn't recommended. "It's not very safe flirting with someone on a train because if the other person misunderstands the signals you're giving them, you're putting yourself in a dangerous position."

"Flirting with your boss is also unwise because it could lead to an affair and not a good way to advance your career."

Clothes

She emphasises the importance of the correct clothes. "Women think they have to wear sexy clothes to be able to flirt well. They don't understand that if they feel uncomfortable in these clothes, they're not going to be confident and will feel conscious of leading a man on."

"However, if you're wearing your favourite jumper, you'll be much more relaxed and not worrying about which parts of your body are exposed."

Being a good listener is vital, too — something that women are

better at than men. "Listening shows that you care about this person and want to know more about them," said Melanie. "Someone who can't listen to other people is selfish and boring and not worth flirting with."

But can an innocent flirtation lead to a long-term relationship?

"Yes, you can develop the relationship," she said, giving her own marriage as the perfect example.

"Once interest on both sides has been established, you should try to show this person that you want to see them again. Be pushy. Mention a film you want to see, offer your phone number or take address and write them a funny letter."

Risky

"Starting up any relationship can be risky but if you already know and like this person through flirting with them, you know at least that you enjoy being with them."

"I have friend who really fancied this guy at work. She flirted with him and knew he was interested in her but couldn't understand why he wouldn't ask her out."

"So she decided to take the initiative and write him a letter. It worked — he asked her out and they now have a steady relationship."

Melanie, happy in her flirtatious marriage, told me: "Most people don't admit to flirting because some sort of taboo surrounds the subject."

"But we all do it and enjoy it and, who knows? If you choose the right person to flirt with, you could — like me — find a mate for life."



Flirting course instructor Melanie Rein, says eye contact, followed by a smile, offers encouragement to a student.

Video feedback improves your communication

NEW YORK (UPI): Effective communication is vital to success in business, yet expert Bert Decker says many executives and salespeople are woefully lacking in good communication skills.

"Communication is a contact sport," said Decker, founder of Decker Communications Inc., a training company headquartered in San Francisco with offices in New York, Los Angeles, Sunnyvale and Newport Beach, Calif.

"When you consider all the contacts, the hundreds of cues that you give off bow you use words, your speed of wit and your openness are absolutely critical to somebody believing you and taking action."

Decker, a former film-maker, uses extensive video feedback and one-on-one coaching in training sessions to help people in business tap their communication potential.

"When you see yourself in video, it's different than looking in a mirror. Physically it's not different at all, but psychologically it's vast."

"There's a disparity you have in how you think you're coming across, and then you see a stranger up there (on the TV screen). Everybody has a disparity."

Decker said that disparity — between how we view ourselves and how others view us — is the biggest obstacle to effective communication. "We all undermine ourselves. We think we are better than we really are."

Objective

Decker videotapes his students repeatedly during intensive workshops to help them be more objective about how other people perceive them.

"The more people can get on videotape and become more objective about themselves, the more effective they'll be at communicating, even on the phone," he said. "There's a tremendous confidence increase when people see themselves on videotape, maybe not the first time, but after the third or fourth time."

Decker counts among his clients top executives of some of America's biggest corporations, including American Telephone and Telegraph Co., Touche-Ross (now Deloitte and Touche), General Electric Co., Matsushita Inc. and Hewlett-Packard Co. Decker said his students at Hewlett-Packard are "People who are unwilling to be technically brilliant, brilliant, but don't think they have to speak it."

"We say, 'you may have the most brilliant idea in the world, the greatest plan, the greatest engineering masterpiece, but if you can't convince somebody to support the budget, if you can't show confidence in a project, you'll do it nowhere with it.'

Decker said executives and salespeople in small- and mid-sized companies and self-employed people can benefit from video feedback, too.

She added a camera and a script. Then came a problem. Where could she find curly hair just the colour of the tycoon? Cheryl found the answer when she looked in the mirror ... and soon her tresses were transferred to the doll.

There is not much the girl, who once a cartoonist, won't do in the cause of her art. Mr Metter was so pleased with his portrait that he had a special case built for it right in the middle of his living room.

And to add a personal touch to Bob Hope, whose doll was ordered by fellow artist Toni Naples, Cheryl added a characteristic golf club.

Ron Howard, who directed *Cocoon*, held a megaphone in one hand, and Johnny Carson, America's top talk show host, sported a tennis racket.

Cheryl even made a duck-hunting break in the form of his favourite quarry, with a beak that could be lowered and raised over his face. His wife thought it was funny....

Producer Peter Douglas, son of Kirk, reclinéd in a movie set chair, which his name on it, responded in white braces. His girlfriend had supplied just the right details for a true-to-life portrait.

Cheryl can even improve on real life. A pretty blonde asked the artist to transform her likeness into a glamorous princess.

Cheryl's finished doll was resplendent with rhinestones, beading, diamond jewellery and a long elegant cigarette holder.

And oil billionaire Marvin Davis, who used to own 20th Century Fox, ordered miniature models of his whole family to decorate his Christmas tree.

Down in Malibu, the celebrities, alter egos are being born thick and fast. It has transformed Cheryl's life into one long playtime.

She told me: "I loved dolls when I was a kid. And there's nothing like playing dolls for the rest of your life."

Especially when they can earn a girl a pot of that Hollywood gold.

FAMILY DOCTOR By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

Question I'm totally confused by all the different brands of painkillers on the market and their advertising claims. They can't all be the best one, yet that is what they seem to say. Can you tell me which one I should take when my pains and aches get out of hand?

Answer I'm mixed up sometimes too, and I'm supposed to know the differences that exist between the different pain preparations available over the counter without prescription. It becomes a bit simpler, however, when you realize that all the different names and claims concern only three basic medications: aspirin, acetaminophen and ibuprofen.

Aspirin (the principle ingredient is acetylsalicylic acid), also known as Bayer, St. Joseph and Bufferin, among others, has been with us the longest. It is a useful pain medication to reduce muscle aches, headaches and toothaches, is effective in controlling menstrual cramps, long been used as a medication for arthritis, will help lower a fever, and has of late been recommended as a prevention of heart attacks (which it does by acting on blood platelets and reducing clot formation). However, it may cause stomach ulcers and gastrointestinal bleeding.

Acetaminophen is the active ingredient in Tylenol, Anacin 3, Panadol and other medications sometimes advertised as "non-aspirin" pain medications. It will relieve a headache, is useful in the flu season, help reduce a fever and ease a muscle strain, but it's not an anti-inflammatory drug and will not reduce a swelling. It is only of limited use for arthritis and when the cause of pain is due to the production of prostaglandins by the body (as in menstrual cramps), this product, which is not a prostaglandin inhibitor, will not work well.

Ibuprofen is the latest kid on the block, and is the medication found in Nuprin, Mediprin, Advil and Motrin (by prescription only in higher doses). It is a potent

anti-prostaglandin and is effective, not for general pains, but particularly useful for inflammatory conditions such as arthritis and severe muscle injuries. It can cause stomach irritation and is best after meals or when the stomach is full.

My best advice to you is to try a product, and stick with it, it works well for your problem. Switching around between products with different brand names is a waste of time and money.

I thought you would like to know: From the countless publications I regularly receive on the subject of snoring and its cures and cures, it is clear that a booklet about this condition should respond to the needs of many. And the subject is a complex one, the basic question and answers are well treated in the pamphlet, *Snoring: The Snoring Brochure*, The New York and Ear Infirmary, Second Avenue and Fourteenth Street, New York, New York 10003.

The publication is one of an authoritative set of patient education publications published by the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. This one is up to their usual high standard of excellence. Besides clear explanations that discuss "What is Snoring?" and "Is Snoring Serious?" there is an excellent illustration that depicts the structures found in the mouth, nose and throat that relate to the problem. A useful list of suggestions and actions to be taken to this sleep disturbing situation makes this publication most practical one.

Dr Allan Bruckheim welcomes questions from readers. Although he cannot respond to each one individually, he will answer those of general interest in this column. Write to Dr. Bruckheim in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 3282-0119, Orlando, Fla.



Life-Like: Golfing comedian Bob Hope



Heart-Throb: The dummy of Tom Selleck, which has proved a winner with Cheryl's customers



Colourful: The model of Carmen Miranda sporting fruit bowls



The model of President Reagan which was given to him by his daughter Patty Davis

Stuffed dummies — ego trip for the stars

A MODEST cheque bought a Hollywood lady the exclusive company of Magnum star Tom Selleck for life.

Today, he rides in the car with her wherever she goes, his rugged image scarred off would-be assailants. Big Tom sits demurely at posh dinner parties and submits to close encounters on a dozen floors.

But, on matter what the situation, the Hollywood hunk never says a word to "owner", oil chief Barbara Barr. In fact, he acts just like the stuffed dummy he really is.

For Barbara is just one of the hundreds of Tinsel Town top people beaten by the latest craze of "portrait dolls".

People who thought they had everything, are now realising that there is something woefully lacking in their lives... clones of themselves immortalised in polyester fibre fill.

And that tough old birthday gift problem can be solved at the stroke of a solid gold pen. What happier return there be than a three-dimensional portrait, dressed in your own clothes and sitting permanently in the spotlight?

Down in the sun 'n' sun belt of Malibu, artist Cheryl Wilson is turning out stuffed celebrities as fast as her nimble fingers can fly.

Anybody who is anybody, plus a few oddities with around \$700 to spare, are asking Cheryl to make them in their own image.

Even President Regan has one, a thoughtful gift from his daughter, Patty Davis. Hugh Hefner's look-alike stands silently at the end of his bed, dressed in the super-playboy's familiar uniform of red silk and satin pyjamas.

It was a surprise birthday present from Hefner's former playmate, Carrie Leigh.

Down in Cheryl's busy shop on the Pacific Coast Highway, yet another Tom Selleck has been created. This one, a present from a friend, sits in the great detective's office in a place of honour.

But now petite English dancer Jillie Mack has married Hollywood's hottest heartthrob, orders for the hunky dolls will no doubt begin to flag.

Muscleman

Cheryl flushed slightly as she told me of a minor embarrassment that had occurred in the course of her duties. It came after "a man as big as a wall" had visited her to ask for a doll of Conan, alias muscleman Arnold Schwarzenegger.

She said: "I had to make Conan's skimpy outfit entirely from scratch. After all, where are you going to find pieces of strategically-placed leather like that?"

"I made the boots, did the studding work and even fashioned the teeth on his



Cheryl takes it easy with a model of movie legend, Humphrey Bogart.

necklace from silicone. I had just put on Canon's little leather diaper and was stuffing it to get it into the right shape when this older woman walked into the store.

She started browsing around while I still had my hand down that diaper. I couldn't stop blushing. She sure had caught me at the cookie jar."

Cheryl, who produces a doll in about three weeks, went on shyly: "



The cat that got the cream — but giving your pet dairy products could take years of its life.

The words she put in Reagan's mouth

WHAT I SAW AT THE REVOLUTION, by Peggy Noonan (Random House, 335 pp., \$19.95)

Speechwriters who put words in the president's mouth are supposed to have a passion for anonymity.

Peggy Noonan is an exception, and then some. She also has the pride of authorship that made it possible to overcome many of the obstacles she faced as president Reagan's most eloquent speechwriter. To prove it, she wrote a book, "What I Saw at the Revolution: A Political Life in the Reagan Era."

Noonan's talents shone through, although she ran into a lot of other egos in and around the White House, all of whom wanted to put their marks on the president's most important utterances.

Her opus is skillfully written, fun to read, mean spirited toward a lot of people who were in high places, and makes an admirable attempt at analyzing and understanding her fortune — good and bad — to have been where she was. One minute she is a wide-eyed Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm and the next minute she is the infallible "Miss Know-It-All."

It's also a book about her hero worship of Ronald Reagan, her faltering attempts to meet him and to fathom him — although he did not seem to know her from Adam. The adulation continued even as she patronized him as an old man.

Because of her writing talent and research of the words of other presidents and of poets and scholars, she turned out good copy. Among the memorable speeches she wrote was Reagan's address to the nation when the shuttle Challenger exploded.

Noonan is from an Irish Catholic family of Democrats and says she was the first among her kin to see the light and become a Republican.

Her great awakening came when she was riding a bus on her way to an anti-war demonstration in Washington. She became upset by her fellow protesters' taunts against the government and decided that the United States' involvement in Vietnam was an attempt to help people resist a communist take-over of the world.

"After college she went to work eventually at CBS as a writer for Dan Rather and his nightly news programme.

She left to become speechwriter and to her distress, found that she and everyone has a fork. And I mean everyone."

Some of her toughest moments came from the "mice" as she and others called aides to White House chief of staff Donald Regan, who insisted on editing her words.

She makes it clear that she was a misfit among the wealthy young women who got their jobs through family connections. She disdained being asked to write a speech for Nancy Reagan or Maureen Reagan.

Noonan had her pals in the White House, including conservative spokesman Pat Buchanan, of whom she writes: "There's something in good conservatives that makes them happy to sit for an hour with a janitor and talk about life and the world in a way that one suspects a Ralph Nader (consumer activist) or Ralph Neas (civil rights leader) never could."

She somehow missed the fact that she was serving in an administration where ketchup was called a vegetable, where former White House counsellor Edwin Meese said people go to soup lines because they don't want to pay for their lunch, and where two Education Department officials questioned giving aid to handicapped children because they were holding back "normal" children.

She also manages to smooth over or ignore some of the crueler aspects of the Reagan revolution.

When she was bypassed for the job of chief speechwriter, Noonan left the White House. She was later pulled into George Bush's 1988 presidential campaign to spruce up his speeches.

She wrote his nomination acceptance speech, coining the phrase "kinder and gentler," which her book never was and never will be.

PASSING ON, by Penelope Lively (Grove Weidenfeld, 210 pp., \$17.95)

"Passing On," Penelope Lively's New York is one of those lovely, quiet English novels that take an event, a moment in a life, and then let us watch it reveal or form character.

In "Passing On" the event is the death of 80-year-old Dorothy, domineering mother of Helen, Edward and Louise.

Helen, 52, and Edward, somewhat younger — spinster and bachelor — are just this side of eccentric, having been unable to break out of the web their tyrannical mother kept them in at the ramshackle, decaying family home of Greystoke in a small English village. Louise, the third child, has revelled, broken loose and lived — by today's standards — a fairly normal family life in London, complete with adolescent children going through their punk, loose-ends stage.

As the novel opens, at Dorothy's funeral, we are given a taste of Dorothy in Helen's unspoken prayer: "If she was created in thy image, then the system is an imperfect one."

Lively's title carries a kind of double meaning. The story is not only the story of Dorothy's passing on and out of the lives of her children, but also of their passing out of her tyranny as her almost palpable presence recedes from the house and their minds.

Life goes on, lively is saying, or, in this case, life must begin, with its small victories and defeats, and it is these events that provide the dramatic core for this perfectly realised study of character and the human condition.

27, by William Diehl (Villard Books, 557 pp., \$18.95)

Johann Ingersoll is a German star of horror films whose allegiance to Nazi politics makes him as twisted as the deformed monsters he portrays on screen. Francis Scott Keegan is a wealthy US playboy and former bootlegger turned avenger after the woman he loves dies in a German concentration camp.

In 27, the new thriller by William Diehl, they play a deadly game of hide-and-seek.

Ingersoll is known as Siebenundzwanzig — German for the number 27, the number of rich US industrialists and financiers he tries to kidnap in an attempt to blackmail the United States into staying out of World War II.

27 opens in Germany in 1932 as Hitler comes to power. He recruits Ingersoll, a master of disguise, and has him trained to live as a sleeper agent in the United States. Keegan, meanwhile, falls in love in Berlin only to lose his girl to the Nazis for her part in an underground freedom movement.

This latest novel by the author of "Sharky's Machine" and "That Horse" is a riveting espionage thriller that includes a vivid portrayal of the lurid decadence of pre-war Germany. Diehl also paints a unique caricature of Hitler's psychotic personality, bringing him to life in a portrait that is truly frightening.

The story bogs down a bit in the middle while Keegan is being turned from patriot into playboy, but picks up when he starts hunting for the spy known as 27.

Jazz Quintet

On track, and on the move

BOSTON. (UPI) — To Philip and Winard Harper, playing jazz in their own band is a matter of priorities and musical debts that must be repaid.

Their young quintet, the Harper Brothers, has caught fire with a sound rooted in the hot bebop of the early 1960s' blue note sessions, a solid sound with which they are forging their own identity to carry both into the nineties.

At a time when stable, working jazz bands are rare, the Harpers speak with modesty and a confident sense of their musical roots and where they are going.

Winard, 27, is a drummer. Philip, 24, is a fine trumpeter. The brothers were raised in Atlanta and formed their first band, the DC Jazz Quintet, in Washington, in 1983. They are based in Jersey City, New Jersey, across the Hudson River from New York's jazz scene.

The Harper Brothers' first recording, a 1988 namesake studio album on the Verve label, was followed by the release this month of "Remembrance," recorded live at the village Vanguard.

The band includes fiery pianist Stephen Scott, 20, impressively sax player Justin Robinson, 21, and bassist Kyoshi Kitagawa, 31. Their music's sound and swings hard, bubbling with passion, energy and rhythmic drive.

"The leaders take their biggest mission as challenging the audience to have a good time.

The key for all of us is to play good music, to entertain people," Winard says. "We grew up going to the Baptist church, and down south, once the choir got popping, it evoked a feeling in the congregation that would trigger everybody, and that would make the choir sing harder, and before you know it, everybody was in tears."

That's what the players before us did. If the audience is a part of it, the musicians are playing even stronger, and all of a sudden you're getting something that really locks up together."

Both brothers have extensive experience as sidemen in other bands. Winard working, most notably, with singer Betty Carter for three and a half years, Philip with Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers.

While some young players regard their own bands as something to do when the phone doesn't ring with work offers, the Harpers have reached a point where their own band is now the priority.

"A long time ago, (bassist) Jamil Nasser told me: 'You all have a debt to pay to Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Charlie Parker, Billie Holiday, John Coltrane, the guys who came before you.' It is very true," Nasser says.

"They laid down so much for us. We do owe them something, and part of paying that debt is keeping this music happening, or playing their compositions as a tribute to them. The only way for us to do that is to have our own band."

"It is a first priority," Philip adds. "It is something we want to do, we have to do, so we will. I turn down a lot of gigs because the band comes first."

When their schedules permit, or the challenge is irresistible, the brothers take jobs with other artists, as Philip explains, "because we're still trying to learn to play, and need to play in as many different situations as possible."

Many of the other high profile young players on the jazz scene today, like Wynton and Branford Marsalis, Terence Blanchard and Donald Harrison, were inspired by the Miles Davis and John Coltrane side of the 1950s and '60s mainstream. The Harpers were more attuned to the trumpet-drums band collaborations of Clifford Brown and Max Roach, Lee Morgan and Billy Higgins, and the intensity of the Cannonball Adderley bands.

"We have a sound that is our own, even though you can hear all of our influences," Philip says. "You can't compare us to any other band that is out there right now."

"We play the music we love, and at the same time, since we are young, we are going to grow. The thing we don't want to do is say: 'OK, we're going to come up with a new music,' because there is really nothing new under the sun, even bird (Charlie Parker) said that."

What the Harpers need is time to mature and find their own identity, to develop without the critical kind of pressure that often dogs young talent.

Winard sees the music as an anchor in a mixed-up world.

It's all a matter of killing them with kindness

MILLIONS of pets are dying before their time, simply because they are being fed wrong food, says a Hollywood vet.

Dr Al Plechner claims that meats such as turkey and pork can "poison" dogs. And a diet of tuna can take years off a cat's life. Even a saucer of milk can harm your pet, he says. A cream bun could kill it.

Dr Plechner, who looks after the stars' pets, claims poor food and "designer" breeding "have created an allergy disease epidemic that is ravaging our pet population."

He believes that as many as one out of two animals brought to a vet may be suffering from an allergy. And the doctor claims to have made some amazing cures with pets doomed to die.

He says his revolutionary treatments, including hormone replacement therapy, have turned sick and even vicious pets into glossy, good-natured animals.

Speaking from his Hollywood clinic, the 52-year-old vet told me: "If owners give their pets better food, animals can live many years more. Some of the dogs and cats I have looked after have lived to the grand old age of 26."

Dr Plechner claims to have saved the life of a doomed doberman, Heidi, belonging to William Shatner, Star Trek's Captain Kirk. He invented a special vegetarian diet for her.

And he soon had Beverly Hills top criminal-catching German

Shepherd, Boss, back on his plush beat after the dog kept going lame. The treatment included a brand new menu. Then there was a Hollywood's actress' cat called Oscar, said to be cured of epilepsy by tasty servings of rice and chicken.

Diet

Dr Plechner believes that a basically vegetarian pet is a healthy pet. And that means it will live to a ripe old age.

Dr Plechner told me: "In the wild, animals need a high protein diet, so they eat a lot of meat. But when they are domesticated, too much protein can actually make them ill. I've seen dogs in a coma, brought on by too much protein. A few days of clean food soon puts them right."

The vet, whose revolutionary methods have caused a stir all over the world, has invented a basic bean loaf for owners to feed their cats and dogs. It is a mixture of soya beans, brown rice.

Dr Plechner says: "It tastes so good that the owners can't resist eating it themselves. I've known one lady who even served it up for lunch to her friends and they all said how good her cooking was!"

He goes on: "You shouldn't feed your pet anything you could

eat yourself. Too many owners think they're giving their dog a special treat, say, by letting it lick out the roasting dish on a Sunday. But that makes about as much sense as pouring all that butter grease and gravy into a glass and drinking it down yourself."

Dr Plechner tells his Hollywood pet owners to avoid buying tinned pet food. Or, at least, they should read the labels very carefully to make sure there are no harmful additives in the mixture.

He explained: "Check the label — the longer it is, the worse the food probably is. Good nutrition is simple."

"Instead of tinned food, buy your pet vegetables, salads, pasta and beans. You don't need to cut out meat altogether — the occasional piece of lamb is fine. But steer clear of pork or turkey."

"Eighty per cent of dogs and cats cannot tolerate pork or turkey. You find a lot of pets sick over Christmas, when they've been fed the leftover turkey or a ham bone for several days."

Careful

The Hollywood vet says fish is fine — in moderation. But cat owners should be careful when buying tuna. He adds: "In the

States, some tuna is crooked with the bone. This can create high levels of magnesium and give cats bladder problems. We lose a lot of cats too early from food like tuna."

Dr Plechner says never, ever, much inferring is having an effect on dogs' personalities. Breeders are creating designer dogs, like you'd create a Gucci dog. They may be beautiful to look at but they're all genetic cripples — and that can make them savage.

"I can detect these problems with a simple blood test. More than 30 per cent of aggressive dogs will revert to normal behaviour on something as simple as my lamb and rice diet."

Dr Plechner says there is one simple rule for making a pet live a long healthy life. He claims: anyone who loves their dog or cat should take as much effort with their pet's dinner as they would with their own. It's common sense really. Eating well is the secret to a long life."

League table of food for cats and dogs:

Don't feed them: Brown rice, salads, vegetables, pasta, beans, lamb. Don't give them: Milk products, turkey, tuna, gravy and pan scrappings.

It's a cop ... and quite a drag

Eddie woos them, wins them and loves to lose them

IT was enough to make a Beverly Hills cop suspicious — a man in a Rolls Royce engaged in intimate kerbside conversation with a Hollywood transvestite.

But when they checked out the situation, the police officers was amazed to find that the man at the wheel was none other than the celebrated millionaire comedian and ladies' man, Eddie Murphy.

The man in drag — being "chatted up" by the famous movie star on Hollywood Boulevard — was merely part of Murphy's extensive research for his next film.

The comic explained that to the police that he had nothing but a professional interest in the transvestite and, in view of his reputation as a superstar, they believed him.

So it looks as though macho Eddie is soon to appear on the screen in lipstick and mascara. If so, it could mark quite a turnaround for the man who always seems to enjoy his womanising image.

In fact, Murphy's romantic encounters have made him a Tinseltown legend in a few short years. He has been linked with beauties from statuesque Brigitte Nielsen to boxing champ Mike Tyson's ex-wife, Robin Givens.

But he recently vowed never to marry, afraid that a wife might separate him from his vast fortune.

"Although I love women, I'm not a trusting person when it comes to them," Eddie admits. "I represent a target to many women — and besides, I know I can have children without getting married."

He proved the fact by becoming a father for the first time in July last year, when air hostess Paulette McNeely, 23, presented him with a son, Edward Regan Murphy Jr.

Eddie was thrilled and celebrated the event by setting up a £11,400 trust fund for the new arrival. Meanwhile, green-eyed model Nicole Mitchell, 21, gave birth to Eddie's second baby, a daughter, in November '89.

Outraged

If Eddie is not giving away money to make his children instant millionaires, he is being sued for it by outraged starlets. Actress Michael Michele is taking legal action against him because she claims he sacked her from his latest film, *Harlem Nights* — his first as a director — because she refused to join him on the "casting couch."

Many of the other high profile young players on the jazz scene today, like Wynton and Branford Marsalis, Terence Blanchard and Donald Harrison, were inspired by the Miles Davis and John Coltrane side of the 1950s and '60s mainstream.

The Harpers were more attuned to the trumpet-drums band collaborations of Clifford Brown and Max Roach, Lee Morgan and Billy Higgins, and the intensity of the Cannonball Adderley bands.

"We have a sound that is our own, even though you can hear all of our influences," Philip says. "You can't compare us to any other band that is out there right now."

"We play the music we love, and at the same time, since we are young, we are going to grow. The thing we don't want to do is say: 'OK, we're going to come up with a new music,' because there is really nothing new under the sun, even bird (Charlie Parker) said that."

What the Harpers need is time to mature and find their own identity, to develop without the critical kind of pressure that often dogs young talent.

SNIPPETS

DSWD: the poor and women

THE Department of Social Welfare and Development helped 6.27 million poor persons, including 999,000 needy family heads, 2.15 million children and youth, 370,000 women, 190,000 disabled and elderly persons and 2.57 million victims of natural and man-made disasters.

DSWD secretary Mita Pardo de Tavera said that among the services the DSWD rendered were the uplifting of the welfare of street children, assistance to disaster victims, disaster preparedness programmes, livelihood projects, opening of Tindahan Bigay Buhar, expanded services to disadvantaged women, 11,000 core shelter units for typhoon victims and co-ordination with non-governmental agencies involved in welfare services.

During the crisis the DSWD also served ready-to-eat food to victims, helped build core shelters that could withstand strong winds and decentralised the release of disaster emergency funds to regional, provincial and city or municipality units.

The DSWD also established regional Lingap Centres that provide temporary shelter, food, and other basic social services for street children pending their return to their respective families.

The DSWD has five day-care centres in Metro Manila — Anak-bayan Day Centre in Quiapo Ave.; J. P. Laurel Centre in Sta. Mesa, Manila; another in Manila, and in Tandem, Paranaque and Pasay City.

During the December coup attempt, the DSWD provided evacuees with food and temporary shelters. Thirty-six evacuation centres were put up in Metro Manila which temporarily housed 3,826 families who were given food worth P660,782. In Lapu-Lapu, Mandaue, and Cavité cities, the DSWD extended assistance to 2,387 families.

Some 301,002 individuals were given practical skills training, and they are now self-employed, Pardo de Tavera said.

Discount privileges were also given to poor families who buy from the Tindahan Bigay Buhar whose operators were granted interest-free capital loans.

The DSWD gave 852,119 disadvantaged women self-enhancement opportunities, through social upliftment, skills development, maternal and child care, counselling and substitute home care.

The DSWD established 325 women's centres in different places in the country where women attended welfare programme sessions.

Army captain found dead

CEBU CITY — An army captain was found dead inside a pension house along V. Gullas and Legazpi streets, police said.

Lieut Wilfredo Labra, chief of the Cebu City police homicide section, identified the dead soldier as Capt. Elmer Culamag, assigned at the Philippine Army's 403rd Brigade in Patag, Cagayan de Oro City.

Police could not immediately determine the cause of his death, Labra said.

Initial investigations said Culamag registered at the Hope Pension House under an assumed name of Elia Corrales of Santander, Cebu.

Edward Lato, a roomboy of the Hope Pension House told police he saw the Army captain came back the following day apparently under the influence of liquor.

Later, Lato together with another roomboy, Victor Cahras, went to Culamag's room to collect the rent for his second day of stay but despite their repeated calls, the man inside remained silent.

Hotel authorities reported the matter to the police who found Culamag soaked in his own urine and his legs slightly moving. He was rushed to the Cebu City Medical Centre, but was pronounced dead on arrival.

3 rob, slay suspects nabbed

THREE suspects in the rob-slay of a cabbie were arrested in Quezon City recently.

Antonio Nueca, 26, driver, of 438 Quirino Highway; Rodel Pascual, 23, of 164 Joyville subdivision, and his younger brother Ariel, all in Novocliches were surprised by policemen led by Lt Flito Casayuran in the Pascual residence.

The three admitted the crime and said they were high on drugs when they held-up and killed Abelardo Tamayo along Congressional Ave., Quezon City, on the night of Dec. 2.

After taking cough syrup, Nueca and the Pascuals said they boarded Tamayo's cab near Congressional Avenue. When they reached Proj. 8, Nueca said the Pascual brothers announced the heist and took Tamayo's earnings totalling P25.

Tamayo tried to fight back, prompting him to shoot Tamayo in the head while the Pascuals stabbed him in the chest with knifeworks.

After the killing, the suspects said they dumped Tamayo's body at the corner of Sagittarius and Times Streets and fled.

Tamayo's cab was recovered 100 metres away from his body.

Chicken prices will increase

CHICKEN prices will rise by as much as 20 per cent this month due to the sudden increase in the price of broiler chicks and feeds and shortage of corn.

This was the contention of Batanes poultry raisers headed by Lucio Chavez when they informed President Aquino about the decision of big chicken companies like Magnolia, Purfoods, Robina and RFM Corp. to raise the price of broiler chicks from P10 to P15.

Chavez said that before the Christmas holidays, companies flooded the market with their chicken stocks, causing an oversupply and decreased prices.

This resulted in near bankruptcy for the poultry raisers, who were then forced to sell their stocks prematurely to avoid further losses due to increased feed prices.

When the poultry raisers tried to replenish their stocks, they found that the prices of broiler chicks had been raised by 50 per cent.

To break even, the poultry raisers will have to sell their chicken P55 to P60 per kilo, Chavez said.

"Ang mga dambuhang komon ang makikinabang dahilan sa sila ang komon atang komon ang makikinabang dahilan sa sila ang mga presyo upang sila ay kumita nang malaki," Chavez added.

President Aquino will not help them, the poultry raisers said, they and other related firms will be forced to close shop.

4 NPA rebels slain in Negros encounters

FOUR New People's Army (NPA) rebels were killed in two separate encounters with Army troopers and militiamen in Sipalay, Negros Occidental, the Negros Island Command (Nicom) headquarters in Bacolod City reported.

Col. Eduardo Fernandez, commanding officer of Task Force Negros Oriental identified one of the rebel casualties as Dostado Pega alias "Ka Degong," member of a 30-man armed terrorist group which engaged the troopers in a ten-minute firefite.

The encounter took place at 6:30 pm between siyos La Gundi and Samac in Barangay Camindagan in Sipalay.

Recovered from the slain terrorists were a .30 m-1 Garand rifle, ten rounds of live ammunitions, a combat pack, notebook, medicine kit and subversive documents.

Earlier, the task force commander said a team of Cagfu men headed by Capt. Rodolfo Aromin of the 7th Infantry Battalion, encountered about 35 armed rebels, some of whom were harvesting palay in Sitio Omas, Mamandangan, Sipalay.

The firefite which lasted for 15 minutes, resulted to the killing of three NPA rebels. No casualty was reported on the government side in the two encounters.

The slain rebels, however, were not identified in the military report relayed to Brig. Gen. Reynaldo Jarque, Nicom chief and concurrently commander of the Third Infantry Division covering the island of Negros and Panay.

Policeman kills CIS agent

A CIVILIAN agent of the Constabulary Criminal Investigation Service (PC-CIS) was shot dead by a traffic policeman shortly after he allegedly mauled a traffic aide in Quezon City.

Ronnel Lague, 34, of 884 Riverside St., Barangay Commonwealth, Quezon City died instantly from a gunshot wound in the chest, police said.

A bystander identified as Solomon Montera was reportedly hit in the stomach by a stray bullet. He was rushed to St. Luke's Hospital for treatment.

Police disclosed that Lague and Ernesto Nicolas, 41, of 132 Burgos St. Sto. Nino Marikina, were drinking in a beerhouse along 30th Avenue, Cubao, Quezon City.

Witnesses told investigators that Lague and Nicolas apparently drunk, approached and without provocation mauled traffic aide Marlon Cruz, 26, of barangay Payatas, Quezon City.

Traffic policeman Pat. Mauro Melacio, 48, happened to pass by and saw the incident. He pacified Nicolas and Lague but the agent shot him instead with a .38 revolver thrice in the right thigh.

Melacio said he drew his gun and returned fire hitting Lague in the chest.

Witnesses said Nicolas tried to retrieve Lague's gun but was prevented by Cruz.

Love conquers cold, culture and jet lag

(Continued from last week)

They stayed a year during which time Ninoy Aquino was killed. "When that happened, we thought, well maybe it's time for us to go."

They packed their bags and left for England. They arrived in November. Says Olivia, "I hated the weather. If it was cold, it was raining."

The underground rail system was another challenge. "I go lost twice. You'll never catch me being late for work except when I'm lost! I just couldn't find my way; it's so complicated."

She was also faced with the prospect of her mother-in-law. "In the beginning I felt a little bit unsure. I guess it was the same with Keith and my family. What are they thinking about? What is she going to say about me? She asked me all sorts of questions. I don't think she had a clue about the Philippines. What do people do for a living? What sort of houses do they have? But eventually we got to know each other better."

For three-and-a-half years they lived in the UK and Olivia overcame her initial resistance to the British. "It's very surprising actually. People there are so different from the people who have left the country. The people in England are very genuine people, not like some of those I met in the Middle East or some who are here. They think that once they've left their country they are better than the other nationalities — Filipino, Asian, European or American. That's the impression I get. But in their country they are so different. Streetworkers, they're British, drivers, what have they, and they're more natural and they treat you better."

Olivia actually enjoyed her stay. She worked, made friends and "began to feel like one of them. I guess in the beginning it was just the different culture. I felt more like a foreigner in Hong Kong where we lived next."

Keith had landed himself a job managing the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. After seven months, when Olivia was finally settling down to her life in Deepwater Bay, "Keith says pack up, we're going to Manila. Considering what you'd hear about Manila," says Olivia, "it wasn't an inviting prospect (for a family). But it was his career, so we did."

Keith had been offered the position he now holds, that of food and beverage manager at the Mandarin Oriental Manila.

Two months after they arrived, the Hardies were on their way to the hotel in a taxi at about midnight, from the Boulevard area. At the boundary of Makati, along Buendia, they were stopped at a police checkpoint.

Olivia relates: "The policeman stopped the taxi and asked us where we were going, probably thinking us tourists. Well I said, the Mandarin and that must have made him think — foreigner and Filipina in a taxi on the way to a hotel. He asked me my relation to 'that man.' I said 'that man' is my husband. He asked for identification and my residence certificate and of course I didn't have anything with me. I was so upset I suddenly said: 'I am a British citizen.' It was the first time I ever said that. I wouldn't

normally say I am British. I always say I am Filipino. It was only then, I don't know why, So he just said, OK next time bring your ID. But I was so upset. They see you together, they automatically presume you're..."

Keith adds: "Oh yes, if a Filipina and a foreigner are walking around, say shopping, people will always think you know.... In the beginning it was very upsetting. But the whole thing changes when you have a child."

Not-so-little Henry, made in England and born in Abu Dhabi, 8lbs 3oz. At the age of three he has lived in Abu Dhabi, London, Hong Kong and Manila. His parents say: "Oh, he'll be mixed up. There will be questions."

Henry, like his father and mother, is a British subject. He speaks English and some Tagalog. "I'm not teaching him," his mother says. "He learns it, probably in school. He can sing 'Bayah Kubo. He watches TV, he says 'I want to watch Eat Bulaga'."

Keith understands a great deal of Tagalog, though he speaks "kanti lang," having worked with Filipinos in the Middle East since 1980. For Henry, Keith feels "it is not necessary to learn Tagalog, but it will be good if he does."

Henry will probably be going to an English boarding school when he is a little older. Says Keith: "Private education in England is very good and for the places we go or where we would like to go, British education is preferable. He is a British passport holder and it would make more sense that he be educated in the British system."

He has also been christened in the Church of England.

Does this mean that the family is weighted towards the British half? "We are Europe-based. That's where our house is and Henry carries a British passport. But by all means we won't close the door.... As he grows, it'll come naturally. He'll learn all those things (Filipino traditions). It would be unfair if he has no idea of what being Filipino means."

Keith's contract with the hotel is soon coming to an end. Where to next? He's not saying yet, still weighing the options.

Inez Julianita Umali and Poul Bertheisen

Growing up Eurasian

INEZ Julianita Umali, a young Filipina had passage to New York on board a Danish cargo vessel. Poul Bertheisen, blonde with ice-blue eyes was part of the crew. They fell in love and eventually married.

Of the 22 cousins who grew up together in our Mandaluyong compound, I was the third youngest. They tell me that when we first arrived from Denmark all I spoke were a few Danish words as I hid behind my mom's skirts. I'm not certain why we moved to Manila from Copenhagen but I think it was because the nature of my father's work meant he was away at sea for months at a stretch, and in spite of having been well accepted by his Danish in-laws. Mom must have gotten lonely. She had two toddlers on her hands, no family nearby, she didn't

have any other corner, and the pungent smell of crushed geranium leaves.

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In Manila we prepared to close a chapter of our lives. The last year we spent we made do without household help to enable us to learn the chores we would need to do in Copenhagen.

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sed in our new way of life.

They met on a slow boat to Denmark. Poul and Nita Umali-Bertheisen with children Janice (left) and the author in the early 60s.

ing by the rules — you followed traffic signs, you didn't drop by uninvited, you came on time, you never cooked in excess, you waited your turn. I felt proud.

Janice, the eldest, married and found a good job and got into the swing of things.

It was Mom, I guess who had to do the greatest adjusting. From being a career woman all her life, she shifted to fulltime housemaker. Although most Danes speak fairly good English, she had to learn the language to understand the new laws we were faced with — taxes, schooling, rents. She had to accept with the influx of foreign workers, was slowly developing a tolerance to anyone with dark hair. And most of all, she had to adjust to the cold of Denmark, where Danes went to the beach on a nice summer day about as warm as an early January morning in Baguio.

It was in high school when it first dawned on me that I was foreign, and all because my teacher in Filipino always gave me borderline grades, which I didn't understand since I got honour marks in my other subjects. Then someone told me that all *mestizas* under her got bad grades. Me, *mestiza*!

It was also at this time that I started going to parties and began to notice that some boys treated you differently because you were *mestiza*. Mom made us conscious of the way we dressed. No high-heeled step-ins, no spaghetti straps, no tight waists, and only muted makeup. She'd remind us that being *mestiza*, if we dressed in a certain way people might think we were "cheap."

In between all these, Dad had retired, joined us in Malina, a baby brother was added to the family, and then Dad had flown to Denmark to renew old ties. The summer after my high school graduation we visited Denmark to test the waters. I was 16, visiting the country I had left when I was barely two. I loved the freedom of taking buses and trains by myself, clean hot dog stands at practically every corner, and the pungent smell of crushed geranium leaves.

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But I love the *biukid* in the still of the night, listening to the sounds of *tukol*. I would get a lump in my throat when I would sing *Bayang Maglilw*. I would get these pangs of guilt when I see beggar kids; a feeling somehow responsible. I enjoyed *Flores de Mayo*, *Simbang Gabi* and *Todos los Santos*. I grew up with *Pakikisilip*, *ikusip*. Technically I wasn't Filipino but in many ways I was.

As I travelled back and forth I would often catch myself wondering, where did I really belong? Home was Denmark, where my family was, the country I was a citizen of, the city of Copenhagen. I had grown to love. Whenever the plane would touch down at Copenhagen airport I'd have to fight back the tears of homesickness, at seeing the familiar coast and the tall evergreens.

But the Philippines was also where I had a lot of old friends, where the coconut trees of Tiaong were immemorial, where I could sit by my grandmother's rocking chair as she watched Vilma Santos. I would know that everything was all right in the world. And as the plane would slowly begin its descent over the checkerboard greenness of Laguna and I'd catch sight of the Iglesia ni Kristo church stark against the blueness of the bay, I would know that here too, was home.



Top mothers of Negros

THE Ten Outstanding Mothers of Negros Occidental were awarded recently at the Old Capitol Building in Bacolod City by the Apex Negros Ladies Circle on the

occasion of the Centennial Celebration of the province. The awardees were: Dolores Roullo from Old Escalante, Remedios Mondragon of Muisip, Regina Abano and

Saturnina Jaunca of La Carlota, Trinidad vda. de Gonzales of Pontavera, Flor Naveaza of Hinigaran, Angelina Jamiana, Asuncion Gacho, Remedios

Orola and Concepcion vda. de Sarroza of Bacolod. They each received a trophy, cash award and gift certificate.

The Minamata declaration

TO low-income consumers all over the world, to the oppressed and exploited, to those living in misery and deprivation, to all those who are the victims of greed and mad race for more and more control and monopolistic power, the Minamata Declaration of August 24, 1989 should open the eyes not only of governments but also of non-governmental organisations. Listen and ponder on these realities which haunt us every day, succinctly summarised by various participants in the People's Plan for the 21st century which was a month-long activity in various parts of Japan.

"The slogan at the beginning of the 20th century was progress. The cry at the end of the 20th century is survival. The call for the next century is hope. Impelled by that hope for the future and with a keen sense of urgency, we began our concluding gathering of the People's Plan for the 21st century in Minamata, a place which symbolises to all of us development at its most murderous. As it did to the people of

Japan and Chernobyl, a giant organisation with advanced science, technology and production techniques condemned the people of Minamata to fear, sickness, and death, and their beautiful bay to irreparable damage. These three disasters — Minamata, Bhopal and Chernobyl — can be taken as benchmarks of our time. At Minamata, the industry of a capitalist country poisoned its own citizens. At Bhopal, a US multinational corporation poisoned people of the South. At Chernobyl, a socialist government spilled radiation out over its land and people, and beyond its borders to the whole world. There is no need here to repeat the long and mounting list of eco-catastrophes. These three tell the story: There is no place to hide."

"But these are not the only symbols of disaster that 'progress' has been. For the indigenous people, disaster comes with confiscation and exploitation of their lands and resources, and destruction and disruption of their way of life. For women, development has meant disempowerment of all kinds. They have been marginalised and subordinated by male religions, male science and knowledge, and male maldevelopment. The billion dollar pornography and sex industry has reduced them to mere commodities. At the same time, they continue to be subordinated within their own homes. For the poor of the Third World, development has meant less and less control over their own resources and lives. Their struggle to survive has become more difficult, their

existence has become precarious. There has indeed been progress and development, but only for the few. The rest are paying for this development by sacrificing their lives, cultures, values. Development and progress have been disastrous because they are based on an obsession with materialistic acquisition. Profit and power have emerged as the gods of this development. The assumption behind development has been that man is supreme, that he can use and misuse nature as he wishes. Development has been a project to conquer nature, rather than to live in harmony with it.

"Development has meant increasing centralisation of power. The more the word 'democracy' has been used, the less has been its practice. For indigenous people and for minorities, democracy has meant the tyranny of the majority. For the poor in the Third World, democracy has meant the rule of the powerful, a very small elite. Both development and democracy have become dirty words for the oppressed because, in reality, they have come to mean impoverishment and disempowerment. Development has also meant destruction of the rich values of diversity. It has destroyed people's creativity and capacities. At the same time, democracy can no longer be achieved within the limits of the state. Today, the lives of millions of people are being controlled, shattered, deformed and destroyed by decisions made outside their communities, even outside their countries. These decisions are made by foreign governments, by transnational corporations, by agencies such as the IMF, the World Bank and the big power summits."

"We have no illusions about the present condition of the peoples of Asia-Pacific region. The ruling powers maintain themselves by dividing the people and encouraging hostility among them. The rulers not only seek to rule us, but also to manage our mutual relations; depriving us of our right to do this for ourselves. This we must reject and overcome.

"Transnational political actions, support and solidarity campaigns across borders, will gradually develop a new 'people' that transcends existing divisions, especially between people living in the North and South. This is not utopian. The actions we describe are actually going on all over the Asia-Pacific region, and all over the world. What we assert is that these transborder actions are not merely the proper response of the people to desperate situations. Taken together, they amount to the people collectively making their own 21st century."

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Filipino artists' crusade for peace

IT'S almost impossible to gather all the leading artists who performed in this "Kapayapaan" album. But for a project with such a worthy cause, all of them are more than willing to participate no matter how busy they're with their numerous commitments.

For "Kapayapaan," all of them are so enthusiastic to contribute their precious time and talent: Celeste Legaspi, APO Hiking Society, Kuh Ledesma, Gary Valenciano, Jose Marie Chan, Marco Sison, Janet Basco, Sheryll Cruz, Gino Padilla, Samantha Chavez, Camille Victoria and the 14-K.

4 cops investigated for two men's slay

THE National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) picked up four Paranaque police who killed two businessmen in the town.

NBI director Alfredo Lim said Pfc. Rodolfo Alcalde and patrolmen Roberto Barrera, Edgardo Herrera and Redentor Mariano will be under the bureau's custody while they are being investigated.

The suspect killed George Go, 37, a disco house owner, of 5 Lopez Commercial Centre, Paranaque and his friend, Shih Shuyang, 33, of Kalistrado Torres St., Bacoor, Sta. Mesa inside a police car at about 9 am on Timothy St., Multimall Village.

Paranaque police chief Col. Rogelio Pureza said the businessmen grabbed the guns of two of the policemen.

The slain businessmen's relatives however, claimed they were murdered for the huge amount of money they had.

The title track, "Kapayapaan," is composed by Jim Paredes and Eddie Muniz, and performed by all the above mentioned artists. Everyone gave an inspired performance simply because they sincerely feel the message of the song and they want to convey it in a most effective manner to all Filipinos.

Other songs on Side A are "Sasya ang Pilipinas," performed by the APO Hiking Society and composed by Jim Paredes, the WEA children's choir rendition of "Ikaw, Ako, Tayong Lahat Mga Kapakapan," a Topy Lozano-Boying Alano original; and "Piece of the Peace" com-

posed by Jim Paredes as commissioned by the United Nations for an international peace forum last year.

Side Two of the new album features Jesse Sacio's "Ang Ang Kong Pilipinas" as interpreted by Celeste Legaspi. More inspiring tunes are included: Gary Valenciano's "Take Me Out of the Dark," Jose Marie Chan's "Be Gentle" (lyrics by Punky Valdez, and "people of the Land," a Nonoy Tan original as performed by Gino Padilla (our country's entry to the 1989 ASEAN POPular Music Festival).

"Kapayapaan" is also produced on MTV by WEA Records, featuring all the said artists and directed by Johnny Manahan.

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For Best Screen-play: Jose Javier Reyes for Pahiram ng Isang Umaga; Armando Lao for Oras-Oras, Araw-Araw; Peque Gallaga, Don Escudero and Lore Reyes for Isang Araw Walang Diyos.

For Best Supporting Actor: Eric Quizon for Pahiram ng Isang Umaga; Cesar Montano for Ang Lukas ay Akin; and Romy Romulo for Isang Araw Walang Diyos.

For Best Supporting Actress: Timmy Cruz for Kung Kasalan Man; Cherie Gil for Ang Lukas ay Akin, and Zsa Zsa Padilla for Pahiram ng Isang Umaga.

For Best Director: Ishmael Bernal for

CCP stage set for Nick Joaquin parody

THE Bulwagang Amado V. Hernandez in the Sentrong Pangkultura ng Pilipinas (CCP) hide is probably the most unknown (no offense meant to the great writer it was named after), it is a black-walled chamber corner of Lindy Locsin's architectural achievement, inaccessible to the CCP going public but alive nonetheless during their theatre season of Tanghalang Pilipino, the CCP's resident drama company.

Being approximately as large as teh CCP Little Theatre stage (now the Tanghalang Aurelio, V. Tolentino), Tanghalang Pilipino has used Bulwagang Amado V. Hernandez as the rehearsal space for the company's numerous productions at the Little Theatre. Here, many a director has screamed his head off and many an actor or actress has wept his or her way to artistic maturity. But not during the last few weeks.

Tanghalang Pilipino is huckling up for the last offering of its theatre season: "Larawan ng Pilipin Bilang Artista(s), a daring and irreverent parody sequel of national artist Nick Joaquin's "Portrait of an Artist as Filipino," which Tanghalang Pilipino also offered as the season's initial presentation.

And the rehearsal hall is kept vibrantly alive by its temporary occupants, the director Paul Dumol, his assistants and a huge cast which includes Armidia Siguion-Reyna alternating with Naty Crame-Rogers as *Candida* and Irma Potenciano as *Paulo*, Mario O'Hara, Ricky Davao, Jackie Lou Blanco, Pio de Castro III, Ginnie Sobrino, Sherry Lara, Lou Veloso, Gigi Deunas, Carlos Siguion-Reyna, Bon Vibar, Joel Macaventa, Ony de Leon, Kim Atienza, Ding Navasero, Myk Pamintuan and Shamaine Centenera.

A week before the premiere, everyone seems to be having fun and notreaking out from opening night jitters. The play is, after all, a comedy. Armidia Siguion-Reyna is in one corner, waiting for her cue in street (or office) clothes, and chewing what seems to be like nuts she takes from a large bowl on a nearby table. Irma Potenciano is on the set, wearing a comfortable dress and saying her lines as *Paulo* to Mario O'Hara's *Tony Javier*. Sitting on the side of the hall is a relaxed Jackie Lou Blanco in shorts, while on the opposite hall is bubbly Ricky Davao, dutifully monitoring his lines.

In *Larawan*, three decades have passed and *Candida* and *Paulo* have gone back from New York and have just moved into a new house in Forbes Park designed by Lindy Locsin. Park designed by Lindy Locsin. From then on they get involved in a thickening plot which includes *Biyo Camacho* and his son *Bititoy: Tony Javier* and his true sons by *Paulo*: *Tonet*, who has a pregnant girlfriend (Jackielou), and *Larry* (Ricky), who has two navel: *Candida*'s former suitor turned druggie, *Dr Agustin Moreto*; another portrait plus thieves; and a reporter named *Nick Joaquin*.

The director Paul Dumol, sitting behind an enormous desk, interrupts. He stands, moves closer to his actors, instructs them in soft voice, smiles and returns to his desk in an un hurried manner.

Then they start the scene again, with Gigi Dueñas as the wacky servant waking up Mario O'Hara who has just fainted. She says: "Señor, gising na po kayo at naku, makaka-limutan ko po ang mga lines ko." Everyone chuckles at the veteran actress' pun. The mood is so relaxed that even Irma Potenciano affords to fool around and slap Mario O'Hara's nose as the latter suppresses a laugh when he calls him (as *Paulo*) her long lost husband. Armidia Siguion-Reyna laughs, wipes the salt off her hand and prepares to enter in character.

It seems that Tanghalang Pilipino's artistic director, Nonon Padilla (also *Larawan*'s playwright) and director Paul Dumol, have taken great pains in choosing a fine ensemble of mature acting talents. (Padilla, who wrote the play's first draft in 1976 and when he revised it in 1987 won third place in the Palanca Literary Contest).

Luck really seems to be on the side of the artistic director for when he invited close friend Linda Locsin to design the set, the architect readily agreed, instantly creating a famous first in Philippine theatre.

Even national artist Nick Joaquin has given his imprimatur by agreeing to visit the rehearsals and see the ensemble pock at him and his opus. Good ole Saint Nick might even her *Bitoy Camacho* saying: "Siyo's isang diablito ng reporter. A siya's anghel dela gawardiyah ni *Senyora Paula's Candida*."

The Bulwagang Amado Hernandez has never been more alive than during these past few weeks.



The cast of Tanghalang Pilipino's Larawan, with its leads — Armidia Siguion-Reyna and Irma Potenciano (front).

CMMA bares finalists for film and radio awards

THE panel of judges for film of the Annual Catholic Mass Media Awards (CMMA) has released its finalists for 1989.

These finalists automatically become part of the 1989 CMMA roster of outstanding communicators and productions. They will be awarded during the ceremonies to be held on March 2 at the Villa San Miguel on Shaw Boulevard in Mandaluyong.

The finalists are: For Best Screen-play: Jose Javier Reyes for Pahiram ng Isang Umaga; Armando Lao for Oras-Oras, Araw-Araw; Peque Gallaga, Don Escudero and Lore Reyes for Isang Araw Walang Diyos.

For Best Supporting Actor: Eric Quizon for Pahiram ng Isang Umaga; Cesar Montano for Ang Lukas ay Akin; and Romy Romulo for Isang Araw Walang Diyos.

For Best Supporting Actress: Timmy Cruz for Kung Kasalan Man; Cherie Gil for Ang Lukas ay Akin, and Zsa Zsa Padilla for Pahiram ng Isang Umaga.

For Best Director: Ishmael Bernal for

Pahiram ng Isang Umaga; Peque Gallaga for Isang Araw Walang Diyos; and Emmanuel H. Borlaza for Oras-Oras, Araw-Araw.

For Best Picture: Kailan Mahuhugasan ang Kasalan, Vision Film; Oras-Oras, Araw-Araw, Vivo, Films; and Isang Araw Walang Diyos, Regal Films.

For Best Actor: Richard Gomes for Isang Araw Walang Diyos and Christopher de Leon for *Imortal*.

For Best Actress: Vilma Santos for Pahiram ng Isang Umaga; Lorna Tolentino for Kailan Mahuhugasan ang Kasalan; Helen Gamboa for Oras-Oras, Araw-Araw; and Janice de Belen for Isang Araw Walang Diyos.

The panel of judges for Radio of the Annual Catholic Mass Media Awards (CMMA) likewise has bared the finalists in the various categories of the awards for 1989.

These finalist also automatically become part of the 1989 CMMA roster of outstanding communicators and productions, and will be awarded during the March 2 ceremonies. A

Mass at 5 pm by Jaime Cardinal Sin will precede the programme.

The finalists are: Radyo Batibot (DZAM); Balagtas ng Bayan (DZRM); Kulay at Anyo (DZRM & DZRB); Silangan ng Eden, episode of Sa Dibdib ng Gubat (DZRM & DZRB); Ang Matandang Balon, episode of Kapirasong Langit (DZRB); Ang Guro, episode of Sa Dibdib ng Gubat (DZRM & DZRB).

Abakada na Pang-Kultura sa Himpapawid (DZRM); Place We Call Home (DWRK); Flashback (DWBR); Talinghagang Bukambibig (mga Pilipino) (DZRM); Tayong mga Pinoy (DWRK); Guidelines (DZFE); DWBR Value Sports; Morning with DZFE; Musical Souvenirs (DWBR).

Please be Careful with My Heart, words and music by Jose Mari Chan; Beautiful Girl, word and music by Jose Mari Chan; Radyo Patrol Field Reporters (DZMM); Balitakay (DZRH); the DZRH Team who covered the Dec 1 coup attempt; and Radyo Womanwatch (DWAN).



De Belen, nominated as Best Actress for Isang Araw, Walang Diyos.

Arab Times, Monday, February 26, 1990

From the provinces

SAN FERNANDO, La Union

A group of Philippine Army soldiers hostage for more than three hours a six-man team of Philippine Constabulary manning a checkpoint at the outskirts of Ilocos Norte in what appeared to be a case of mis-encounter.

Reports reaching the Regional Command Office said that the same army group seriously shot one of the PC troopers who attempted to draw his gun in an apparent move to dislodge the army soldiers. The name of the wounded Constabulary man was not immediately known although the report said he suffered three gunshot wounds in the right leg and was rushed to the provincial hospital.

Col Romeo Odi, regional chief of staff, said that the incident took place in Badoc, Ilocos Sur.

Odi said the PC troopers led by Maj. Rufino Druja, deputy provincial commander for operations in Ilocos Norte, were manning the checkpoints when they changed upon the vehicle of the army soldiers.

Druja and his men, Odi said, were held hostage by the soldiers of the 45th Infantry Battalion whom they stopped at a checkpoint in Badoc town while they were aboard a passenger jeep.

The PC men were taken to the Army headquarters and were only released through the intercession Lieut Col Patrick Madayag, Ilocos Norte provincial commander.

Madayag, Odi said, talked to Col George Molea, commanding officer of the 503rd Infantry Brigade assigned to Ilocos Norte for the release of the hostage.

Brig. Gen. Miguel Abaya, PC INP regional commander, has ordered a thorough investigation of the incident.

Odi said the Army soldiers were riding on a private vehicle when stopped by Druja and his men at the PC checkpoint.

LAOAG CITY

Because of the rampant practice of alleged tardiness and absenteeism among some city employees, a "bundy clock" system was proposed in the sangguniang panglungsod (city council) to replace the daily time cards.

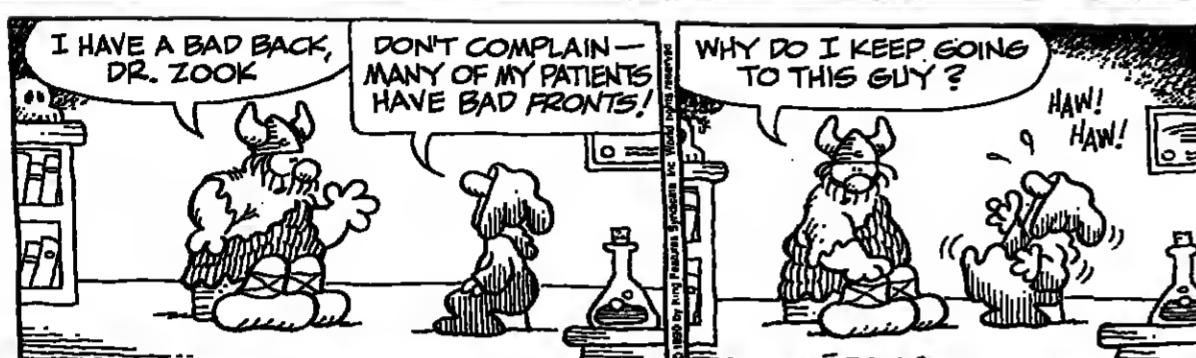
Councillor Alma Blanco and some of her colleagues supported the move initiated by Councillor Cua Bee Jr.

Bee said the bundy clock system can "check late comers, habitual absences

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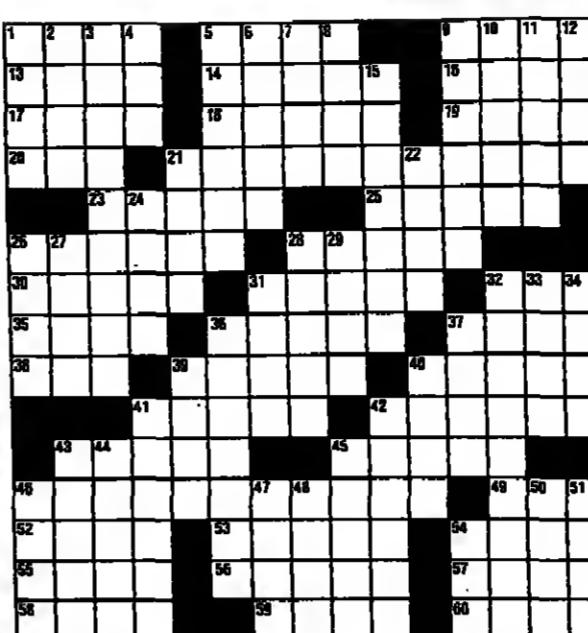
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♦ 3
♥ A J 6 3 2
♦ Q 10 9 4
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SOUTH
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since South's spade rebid in this sequence guarantees a six-card suit, North judged his hand worth a raise. South had just enough to accept.

West led the king of hearts and cootieled the suit, declarer ruffing. Next came two rounds of trumps and it was only when East discarded on the second that declarer became aware of the predicament.

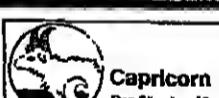
South tried ace and another club, but West won and reverted to a heart, forcing declarer's last trump. Nine tricks were all South could garner.

Had declarer been alive to the possibility of the 4-1 split he could have found a simple counter. Instead of drawing trumps at trick three declarer should have played ace and another club immediately. The best the defenders can do is to force another ruff by continuing hearts. Declarer can accept the ruff and concede another club, driving out the last of the defenders' clubs. Should the defenders persist with a fourth heart, declarer can ruff in dummy, preserving his trump length. All that remains is to draw all the trumps and claim 10 tricks.



"She changed her mind."

YOUR STARS

Aries
March 21 - April 19Cancer
June 21 - July 22Libra
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22Capricorn
Dec. 21 - Jan. 19

You should not expect to have everything just so you could well spoil everything. You will have some good luck but it will be more by way of a lucky escape. Try to exercise just a little more self-control. Be magnanimous.

Taurus
April 21 - May 20Leo
July 23 - Aug. 22

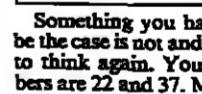
You should spend a little more time tidying up. If you do not you will waste a lot of time later looking for things. You should try to use a little more common sense. Be loyal.

Gemini
May 21 - June 20Virgo
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

You should not make a promise you do not intend or would find it hard to keep. Do not permit yourself to be deceived by appearances. Something that has been mystifying you will now become much clearer. Be tolerant.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 22

You should avoid idle chatter but you should listen carefully to what others are saying. If you are just a little more patient you will be well rewarded. You should not neglect personal matters but you must not give them precedence over work either. Be vigilant.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 22

Something you had thought to be the case is not and you will have to think again. Your lucky numbers are 22 and 37. Make sure you get plenty enough rest and take regular none too exhausting exercise. Do not be too quick to judge by appearances. Be dependable.

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Feb. 20 - March 19

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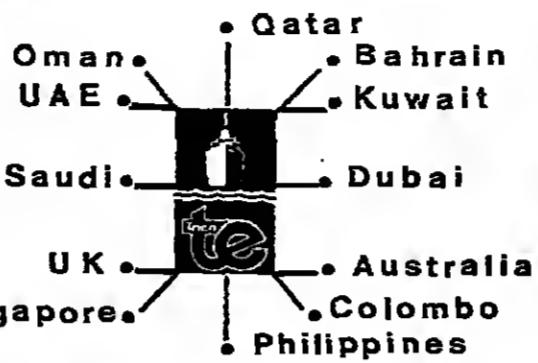
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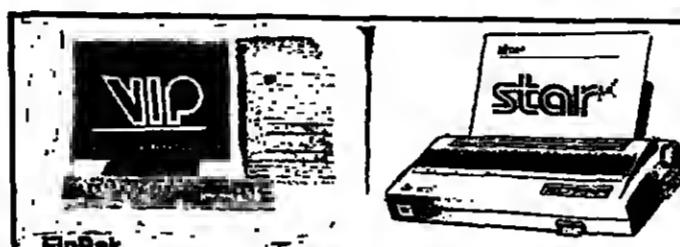
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Cullman, Kodes to be honoured

PHILADELPHIA, Feb 25. (Reuters): Former Wimbledon and French Open champion Jan Kodes of Czechoslovakia and women's tennis patron Joseph F. Cullman 3rd were named yesterday as the next members of the International Tennis of Fame.

Kodes and Cullman will be inducted on July 14 in Newport, Rhode Island, said Gene Scott, the Hall of Fame vice-president and nominating committee chairman.

Kodes won the French Open in 1970 and 1971 and claimed the Wimbledon crown in 1973. He also represented Czechoslovakia in the Davis Cup from 1964-1980.

"It's a great honour for me...." Kodes said in a statement sent from Czechoslovakia. "Probably I am the first Czech ever to be inducted for the tennis Hall of Fame, because Czech Jaroslav Drobný, Wimbledon champ in 1954, was inducted in 1983."

Cullman, the chairman emeritus of Phillip Morris Inc., was cited for his contributions to the women's game. Under his leadership, Virginia Slims became sponsors of the women's Tour in 1970. Cullman was also instrumental in the restoration of the Newport Casino, the home of the Hall of Fame.

WASHINGTON, Feb 25: Top-seeded Martina Navratilova advanced to the final of the \$350,000 Virginia Slims of Washington, needing less than a hour yesterday to defeat teenager Monica Seles 6-3, 6-0.

Navratilova, a nine-time winner of the event, was to play for the \$70,000 first prize this evening against her doubles partner, Zina Garrison, who downed Natalia Zvereva 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 in yesterday's first semifinal.

Seles, the No. 3 seed from Yugoslavia, put up a struggle in the first set but Navratilova's relentless attack overpowered Seles the rest of the way. The set lasted only 56 minutes.

Navratilova, of Aspen, Colo., began the match with a service break, but Seles immediately broke back on the strength of two sudden returns of service.

With the score tied 2-2, Navratilova broke her opponent twice to go ahead 5-2. Seles, one of the hardest hitters on the women's Tour, again produced a couple of winners from the baseline to close within 5-3.

But Navratilova closed the set when Seles' forehand sailed wide of the baseline. Seles, 0-3 against Navratilova, provided little resistance during a second set that lasted 21 minutes.

"I wasn't going to let her get back into the match," said



Navratilova: had a very easy match

Navratilova, who 20 minutes after her victory, was back on court with Garrison in a doubles semifinal.

Garrison, the No. 2 seed, overcame problems with the lights and a second-set resurgence by Seles.

"I decided to come to the net and let her hit passing shots if she could," Garrison said. "She's basically a clay court player and I didn't want to get lulled into that kind of game."

Garrison, last year's runner-up, repeatedly charged the net in the final two games of the deciding third set to overcome the talented but erratic Soviet player.

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Garrison: earns 2nd straight trip to final

final four games of the set.

Zvereva, who traded hard forehands and sliced backhands in the first set, switched to looping top-spin shots and the change in tactics paid off. After breaking Garrison at love, Zvereva held serve before again breaking her

opponent's service to lead, 3-0. Garrison rallied to 4-3, but Zvereva clinched the set with a drop shot set up by a lob.

Zvereva, 18, the No. 4 seed who seems to play best when behind, lost concentration at the start of the third set and Garrison capitalized to take a 3-0 advantage.

Zvereva closed to 4-3 before Garrison's repeated forays to the net ensured her a second straight trip to the final.

■ In Oklahoma City, Okla., hard-hitting American teenager Amy Frazier upset top seed Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria 1-6 6-3 6-3 to earn the right to challenge defending champion Manon Bollegraf of the Netherlands in today's final.

Bollegraf, the fifth seed, beat unseeded American Angelica Gavaldon 6-4 7-5 in her semifinal.

The 17-year-old Frazier, seeded third, belted the ball from both sides along the baseline and moved back into contention when Maleeva's serve deserted her.

"Even Steffi Graf doesn't hit as hard, so consistently, as Frazier did today," said Maleeva, who is ranked seventh in the world. "She started playing out of her mind and kept doing it."

Afghan sports violent

KABUL, Feb 25. (Reuters): Violence is a way of life for many in war-torn Afghanistan, even in sports.

The most famous and breath-taking of Afghans sports is Buzkashi, in which teams of 60 to 100 horsemen on each side struggle at full gallop for possession of the carcass of a freshly killed goat, calf or sheep.

A less well-known but even more violent sport is dog-fighting, with matches generally held on Friday holidays in an open field outside Kabul.

Dog-fighting is supposed to have a long history and tradition in Afghanistan, though few people seem to know many details of its past.

Transport Minister Lieutenant General Abdul Khalilullah said dog-fighting was not very popular because it was too cruel and bloody.

He said it was the sport of the lower classes, especially shepherds who raise fierce dogs to protect their flocks from wolves.

The fighting dogs are not the slick Afghan hounds famous throughout the world, but highland varieties, big shaggy animals bred for their ferocity and strength. They resemble St Bernards or huskies.

Khalilullah said he raised fighting dogs in his youth as a hobby and at one time had seven or eight of them in his stable.

He said at the peak of their training the dogs run 30 km (20 miles) daily up and down mountains and through marshes.

For breakfast they are fed milk and eggs, and their main meal consists of the cooked head of a sheep or goat.

"Some people who can't afford to care for themselves make sure their prize dog has the best food," he said. "A well-known dog brings prestige to the head of the family and that counts for a lot."

Least

Khalilullah said a good dog cost up to 300,000 afghanis (\$3,500 at the official rate), a princely sum, considering the average monthly wage in Afghanistan, one of the least developed countries in the world, is 3,000 afghanis (\$35).

On a cold and wind-swept Friday morning recently, a group of 500 people cheered as two huge dogs tore at each other.

The spectators were oblivious to the clouds of army missiles above them, heading towards suspected rebel hideouts in the snow-covered mountains overlooking Kabul.

After the dogs had gnawed and clawed at each other for 15 minutes, the owner of one of them conceded defeat and the fight was stopped.

"Very rarely do dogs die during a fight," one of the spectators said. He looked downcast and it appeared he had lost a bet, though he would not admit it.

Between matches, people warmed off the cold by sitting in small groups and smoking waterpipes filled with hashish.

A referee matched dogs according to size, and if the owners agreed, the fight was on.

The rules are simple: if a dog runs or the owner concedes, the fight is over.

Owners and trainers are allowed to talk to their dogs during the fight to encourage them.

An interpreter quoted one of them as telling his dog: "Come on, my father, you can do it, you can beat that miserable animal."

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Sampras and Gomez sail through

PHILADELPHIA, Feb 25. (Reuters): American teenager Pete Sampras reached his first professional tournament final yesterday by beating Australian qualifier Mark Kratzmann 4-6 6-1 6-4 in the semifinals of the million-dollar US Pro Indoor Championship.

Sampras, 18, was to go against Andres Gomez of Ecuador in this evening's best of five sets final worth \$135,000 to the winner. Gomez thrashed unseeded Petr Korda of Czechoslovakia 6-2 6-0 in his semifinal match.

"Obviously, tomorrow I'll be a little nervous being in my first final," Sampras said. "After five or six games, I'll be okay."

A rash of upsets paved the way for the Gomez-Sampras final. Sampras, seeded 13th, provided some of the surprises as he ousted fifth seed Tim Mayotte in the quarters and had number three Andre Agassi retire against him in third round complaining of

food poisoning.

The seventh-seeded Gomez, who needed just 47 minutes to dismantle a mistake-ridden Korda, did not think his experience would necessarily favour him against Sampras.

"The kids today are not only playing better, their composure is much better on the court," said Gomez, 29.

Gomez, ranked number 32, plays a loose and confident game. Once he found his rhythm in the second set, the weary Kratzmann had no chance.

Kratzmann, a 23-year-old who won three qualifying matches to make the main draw, played smart against Sampras in the opening set before withering under the teenager's pressure as having eight matches in a row finally took its toll on the slightly-built, 1.73-metre Kratzmann.

"I'm very disappointed,"

Morocco to host \$150,000 tourney

CASABLANCA, Feb 25. (Reuters): The inaugural King Hassan Grand Prix men's tennis tournament, offering \$150,000 in prize money, will be held at a new 3,500 seat sports complex in Casablanca on March 3-11, organisers announced yesterday.

Mohamed Mjid, president of the Moroccan Tennis Federation, said 200 players from 20 nations had been invited to the event, including Thomas Muster of Austria, Guillermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina and Yugoslav's Goran Prpic.

First prize is \$18,000.

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Larry Myricks, overshadowed by Carl Lewis the last decade, won his eighth national long jump crown and Diane Dixon captured her eighth straight 400 metres title and ninth overall to become the meet's winningest woman.

Dees, who competes for George Steinbrenner's Florida Clippers, defeated two-time Olympic champion Roger Kingdom and Olympians Arthur Blake and Tome Campbell in the 55-metre hurdles. The race also lacked injured Greg Foster and Nehemiah and Jack Pierce, who failed to show for the meet.

And the fans were there in force, filling the stadium to capacity.

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World indoor champion Rodion Gataullin, who was ranked No. 1 outdoors last year, cleared 5.80 metres to easily win the pole vault.

"Unfortunately I didn't bring a stiff pole for the meet," the Soviet vaulter said. "The track was so fast here. It's a lot slower in other European meets."

Philippe Collet of France finished runner-up at 5.65.

Brazil's Jose Luiz Barbosa, the 1987 world indoor champion, took the 800 in 1:48.32.

Sadra Gasser of Switzerland, back in action after serving two years in a botched steroid suspension, won a tight women's 1,500 metres in 4:12.41.

Ellen Kiesling of East Germany ran second in 4:13.73, with Elly van Hulst of Holland, the world 3,000 indoor record holder, third in 4:13.77.

Jill Hunter of Britain led all the way to capture the 3,000 in 9:04.55.

Sisko Hanhjoki of Finland was a surprise winner of the women's 60 metres in 7.26. Patricia Girard of France was second in 7.29, and world indoor record holder Nellie Cooman-Fiere of Holland third in 7.31.

Other winners in the women's events included world indoor champion Galina Chistyakova of the Soviet Union, who took the long jump at 6.75 metres, and Christine Hurdlin of France, who clocked 8.14 in the 60-metre hurdles.

Sweden beat Finland 75-63 in a separate men's dual meet. The Swedish women also prevailed 62-55.

Commonwealth champion Peter Elliott of Britain coasted to

an easy victory in the 1,500 metres in 3:44.94 for his third consecutive indoor triumph.

Elliott won two miles in the US recently.

SPORTS

Daniel scores 3-shot victory

EW BEACH, Hawaii, Feb 25. (Reuters): Beth Daniel held steady during the final round of the \$350,000 Hawaiian Open golf tournament and emerged the winner as her even-par 72 over the last 18 holes yesterday gave her a three-shot victory.

Daniel, who led by two shots after 36 holes, finished with a six-under-par 70 total to win the \$52,500 top prize.

Second place was shared by Patty Sheehan and Amy Benz, who shot 71 and 73, respectively.

"I was driving the ball close all day," Daniel said, "but I wasn't hitting my irons close and was not giving myself any opportunities."

The turning point of the round came at the 437-yard, par-5 13th. Going into that hole, Daniel and Benz were tied at five under par.

Daniel hit a 3-wood to the fringe of the green and chipped a seven-iron to within three feet of the cup and sank the putt for birdie. Benz hit her approach into a greenside bunker, hit out and then three-putted for bogey, sliding two shots behind Daniel.

Daniel said: "That hole was the most crucial of the final round. I wouldn't want to have to hit that chip shot again."

And in Pacific Palisades, Calif., Fred Couples playing with remarkable accuracy, tied the course record of 62 at the million-dollar Los Angeles Open yesterday to take a two-shot lead going into today's final round.

Couples, who began the day four shots off the pace, recorded 10 birdies and one bogey over the 6,946-yard, par-71 Riviera CC to clinch the mark set by Larry Mize in 1985. His three-day total of 16-under-par 197 established a new 54-hole record for this event, which dates back to 1926.

Gil Morgan, who shot a 65, and Rocco Mediate, who posted a 67, were tied for second place at 199. Hale Irwin and Hal Sutton were another three strokes back at 202.

Couples' whose last-round 69 was in 1985, shot a five-under-par 30 on the outward nine despite a bogey on the second hole. He had four more birdies coming in, including a tap-in after a seven-iron approach at the 447-yard 18th.

"Just one of those days," said Couples. "I don't know if it was a flawless round, but I played very well. Every time I looked up the ball was going where I looked."

Perfect conditions helped keep scores low on the difficult Riviera Country Club course.

Morgan, who shot 67s in his first two rounds, has played all 54 holes of this event without a bogey and has reached the green in regulation on 49 of the 54 holes he has played.

"This is pretty different for me not making any bogeys," said Morgan, who has won this event twice before. "I don't know if I've ever gone this many holes without one before."

Meditate had perhaps the day's most exciting shot.

After suffering a double bogey on the 12th hole to drop back in the chase for the 180,000-dollar first prize, Mediate sank his 76-yard approach shot at the 420-yard 13th for an eagle two.

Michael Allen, the overnight leader, suffered a double bogey seven on the first hole and went on to record a one-over-par 72 that left him sixshots back at 203.

Douglas enters the wrestling ring

DETROIT, Feb 25. (AP): Just two weeks had gone by since Buster Douglas was standing the same way, an arm elevated in victory. But now, how things look different in a wrestling ring.

To become the heavyweight boxing champion, Douglas wasn't forced to take a ruthless woman named Sensational Sherri or fend off a "Macho Man" who had been escorted to ringside in a chariot.

He merely had to knock out Mike Tyson, a deed some said couldn't be done.

But with that accomplished, Douglas inherited a spotlight and \$100,000 job that Tyson no longer wanted — refereeing the World Wrestling Federation Championship bout on Friday, which pitted title-holder Hulk Hogan against Randy "Macho Man" Savage.

Professional wrestling in America is far different from Olympic wrestling. It is pure entertainment, with huge men — and sometimes women — wearing outrageous costumes and hurling outrageous taunts in each other's faces. The matches themselves are scripted duels between good and evil characters, with the outcome determined in advance.

Douglas, however, proved that boxing and wrestling, not to

mention a hit of acting, can indeed mix. Donning referee stripes, he delved into the sport of showbiz.

He dismissed the meddling

of the fans' delight, he was dramatic in his quick count of three that allowed the popular Hulk Hogan to retain his title.

The furious Savage lived up to his name, accusing Douglas of a short count, then slapping him across the face.

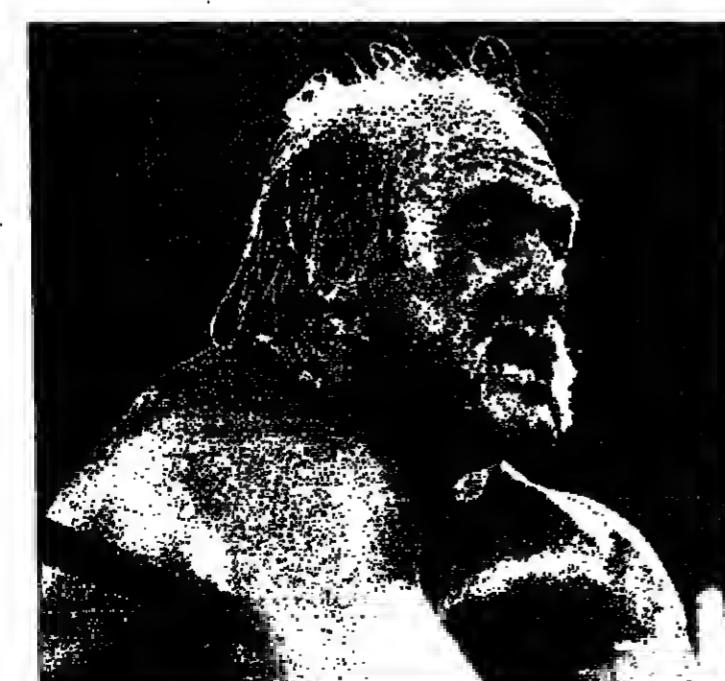
Perhaps the real "main event" was what followed. Hogan shoved the Macho Man toward Douglas, and the boxer kicked him cold — or so it appeared.

Hogan led Douglas around the ring with an arm outstretched in victory, as the adoring fans yelled "Buster Buster."

It was Douglas' first public appearance in a ring since upsetting Tyson on Feb 11 in Tokyo.

"Tyson put his tail between his legs and backed out," Douglas told viewers of the five NBC telecast. "They advertised the heavyweight boxing champion and that's me, not Mike Tyson."

"I didn't want to come. I wanted to see Mike Tyson," said Rick Adams. "He's tough. He lost one fight. Everyone's lost one fight."



Hulk Hogan: beat Macho Man

Fraser takes five for 28

W. Indies out for 164

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb 25. (Reuters): Angus Fraser took five for 28 yesterday as England upset the form boom by dismissing West Indies for 164 on the opening day of the first cricket Test.

The big fast-medium bowler destroyed the West Indies' lower order with five for six in 36 balls, after the home side had reached 62 without losing a wicket.

After Viv Richards had won

the toss and elected to bat, West Indies cruised to 62 before Gor-

don Greenidge was run out for 32.

Devon Malcolm at long leg initially fumbled the ball but recovered to fire in a perfect return which found the veteran West Indian batsman short of his ground.

West Indies, 72 for one at lunch, lost their way after the interval as the four England pacemen struck rigorously to their line-and-length policy.

David Capel induced Richie Richardson into a skied pull when he had scored 10 and followed up by having Carlisle Best caught behind for four.

Gladstone Small caught and bowled Desmond Haynes for 36, the day's top score, then Malcolm seized the prize wicket of Richards lbw for 21.

Richards had threatened to cut loose, hitting five boundaries in his brief innings, before he tried to pull a ball too far up for the stumps.

Fraser scythed through the remainder of the batting with only wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon, who was unbeaten on 19, showing any resistance.

Larkins and captain Graham Gooch gave England just the start they needed as the fearsome West Indian pace attack strove to put their side back in the match.

Gooch twice clipped Patterson to the square leg boundary while Larkins, playing his first Test for nine years, cut and drove Bishop

for two fours.

But West Indies went some way to redressing the balance when Gooch was acrobatically caught behind by Dujon off Patrick Patterson for 18.

Alec Stewart looked confident in scoring 13 but could make nothing of a wicked delivery from Ian Bishop which flew off his glove to Best at second slip.

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings

G. Greenidge run out 32

D. Haynes c and b Small 36

R. Richardson c Small b Capel 10

C. Best c Russell b Capel 10

C. Hooper c Capel b Fraser 20

V. Richards lbw b Malcolm 21

J. Dujon not out 19

M. Marshall b Fraser 0

I. Bishop c Larkins b Fraser 0

C. Welsh b Fraser 6

P. Patterson b Fraser 0

Extras (b-9 lb-3 nb-4) 16

Total 164

Fall of wickets: 1-62 2-81 3-92 4-92 5-124 6-144 7-144 8-150 9-164

Bowling: Small 15-6-44-1, Malcolm 16-4-49-1, Fraser 20-8-28-5, Capel 13-4-31-2

Umpires: L. Barker and S. Bucknor

ENGLAND first innings

G. Gooch c Dujon b Patterson 18

W. Larkins not out 13

A. Stewart c Best b Bishop 13

C. Hooper not out 10

Extras (b-8 lb-3) 11

Total for two wickets 80

Fall of wickets: 1-40 2-60

Bowling to date: Patterson 7-1-33-1, Bishop 4-0-18-1, Marshall 5-1-9-0, Welsh 2-0-2-0

To bat: R. Smith, N. Hussain, D. Capel, J. Russell, G. Small, A. Fraser, D. Malcolm.

Jones, Crowe hammer Indians

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Feb 25. (Reuters): New Zealand tore the Indian attack apart in the third Test today, with a relentless series of high scores capped by Andrew Jones' 144

The home side took advantage of an Eden Park pitch which has produced high scores throughout to make a second innings 416 for five on the fourth day.

The big total, including another century from Martin Crowe, put New Zealand in a strong position for tomorrow's final day after trailing the tourists by 91 in the first innings.

John Wright, not out overnight, began the riot of runs in a second wicket partnership which put on 148. He scored 74 before trying to hit a delivery from leg-spinner Narendra Hirwan into the stand, where Atul Wasson caught relatively easily.

The struggling Indians then suffered another big partnership of 179 between Jones and Martin Crowe, who had played poorly in the series until now.

Crowe played attractive shots and hit 17 fours in his 113, which he scored in 227 minutes. Jones' performance was much more laborious, taking 406 balls to hit his 144, including 13 fours and two sixes.

After Crowe's departure, burly left-hander Mark Greatbatch stayed the Indian attack to the tune of 43 runs.

The only wicket they took cheaply during the day was that of Ken Rutherford who edged a drive at Hirwan and was caught behind for eight.

Hirwan took a heavy punishment but ended as India's most successful bowler, with three for 143.

Scoreboard

NEW ZEALAND first innings 391 (I.

Smith 173, R. Hadlee 87)

INDIA first Innings 482 (M.

Azharuddin 192, A. Wasson 53, K.

More 50)

NEW ZEALAND second innings

(overnight 135 for one)

T. Franklin lbw b Prabhakar 2

J. Wright c Wasson b Hirwan 74

Total for five wickets 416



Andrew Jones: scored 144



Crowe (left) being congratulated after completing his century. (Reuters wirephoto)

Australia win World Series Cup

Taylor hits one-day best

SYDNEY, Feb 25. (Reuters): Mark Taylor hit his best one-day international score of 76 as Australia clinched the World Series Cup 2-0 with a 69-run win over Pakistan in the second match of the best-of-three finals today.

Taylor, supported by 44 from fellow opener Tom Moody, a fluent 46 by Dean Jones and captain Allan Border's rapid 34 not out, spurred Australia to 255 for six in their 50 overs.

Pakistan, who lost openers Saeed Anwar and Rameez Raja with only six scored, were dismissed for 186 in 45 overs after another disappointing batting performance.

Imran Khan's team made only 162 all out in a seven-wicket defeat in the first match in Melbourne on Friday, and their display here completed a tour in which they fell short of expectations.

They arrived in December claiming to be world cricket's second best team behind West Indies but lost the three-Test series to Australia 1-0 and failed to do themselves justice in the limited overs Cup

competition in which Sri Lanka also took part.

Australia, having won the toss, were given an ideal start by Taylor and Moody, who put on 84, and Taylor consolidated in a second wicket partnership of 95 with Jones.

Jones followed his unbeaten 23 in the first match with another stylish innings and was named Player of the Finals.

Border sustained the tempo by striking his 34 off only 35 deliveries as poor fielding helped Australia expand their total in the final onslaught.

Australia maintained the initiative when Terry Alderman had Rameez lbw without scoring and Simon O'Donnell had Anwar caught behind for five.

All-rounder Wasim Akram, promoted from the middle order to number three, provided a glimmer of hope by hitting 36 off 30 deliveries, including six sixes and six fours, before he was stumped off spinner Peter Taylor.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA	10-0-43-1 (1nb), Wagar 10-0-48-0 (1nb 2w), Nadeem 10-0-45-1, Mushtaq 10-0-65-2.
M. Taylor c Younis b Mushtaq	76
T. Moody c Younis b Nadeem	44
D. Jones run out	46
A. Border not out	34
S. O'Donnell run out	14
M. Waugh run out	3
S. O'Donnell c Younis b Im	

French soccer

PARIS, Feb 25, (Reuters): French First Division soccer results today:

Auxerre	3	Lille	0
Bordeaux	2	Toulouse	1
Cannes	1	Brest	1
Lyon	0	St Etienne	0
Marseille	2	Monaco	2
Mulhouse	1	Sochaux	2
Nantes	0	Caen	0
Nice	0	Metz	0
PSG	1	Racing Paris	2
Toulouse	0	Marseille	0

England triumph

HARARE, Feb 25, (Reuters): England A beat Zimbabwe by 61 runs in the second one-day international 50 overs cricket match today. Scores: England 245 for five (D. Bicknell 70, R. Blakey 73, G. Thorpe 50 not out), Zimbabwe 184 for eight (D. Houghton).

Late draw

LISBON, Feb 24, (Reuters): A defensive mixup robbed Benfica of a chance to go top of the Portuguese First Division yesterday when bottom club Nacional snatched a late-1 draw.

Philippon wins

HONG KONG, Feb 25, (Reuters): Frenchman Maurice Philippon rode 16-1 shot Reliable Source to victory in the Hong Kong Derby today as Irish horses filled the first two places in the nine furlong race at the Sha Tin course.

Cup site

SUTTON COLDFIELD, England, Feb 25, (Reuters): Owners of the Belfry Golf Club, site of the Ryder Cup in 1985 and 1989, are to spend up to £500,000 (\$800,000) to course improvements in hopes of staging the event again in 1993.

45 injured

ANKARA, Feb 25, (Reuters): At least 45 people were injured today when stands collapsed during a soccer game in western Turkey, the semi-official Anatolian news agency said. It said 25 of the injured were in serious condition after the accident in which stands holding about 2,000 fans collapsed during a Second Division match in the Aegean resort of Kusadas.

Green triumphs

HONG KONG, Feb 25, (Reuters): American Ryder Cup player Ken Green won the rain-shortened Hong Kong Open golf tournament today despite faltering at the last two holes in fading light. Green returned one-over-par 72 to the final round for an eight-under-par total of 205. The event was reduced to 54 holes after play was washed out yesterday.

Japanese win

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Feb 25, (AP): Akemi Matsuno, the fourth of six runners, put Japan in the lead and anchor Yoshie Terasawa held off a strong Soviet challenge as the Japanese won a relay race by six seconds today.

Speed skating

TROMSOE, Norway, Feb 25, (AP): After racing the fastest 500 metres on a lowland rink in 37.16 seconds, Uve-Jens Mey of Germany fell in the 1,000-metre race late yesterday and opened the way for Soviet racer Igor Zieckowski to defend his title in the World Sprint Championship in speed skating.

NHL games

NEW YORK, Feb 25, (Reuters): Results of National Hockey League (NHL) games played yesterday:

New Jersey	3	Chicago	2
New York	3	Detroit	3
Winnipeg	3	Montreal	1
St. Louis	5	Quebec	
Montreal	11	Pittsburgh	
Boston	3	Minnesota	2
Vancouver	6	Los Angeles	4

World best

LEICESTER, England, Feb 25, (Reuters): Marcel Grey of Canada set a world best short-course time to the beats of the 50 metres butterfly at a World Cup swimming meeting yesterday and bettered the previous best again in the final. Grey clocked 24.07 in the morning's heat and was 0.04 of a second slower in the final. The previous best of 24.14 was set by East German Nils Rudolph in Bonn earlier this month.

Valencia cycling

VALL D'UXO, Spain, Feb 25, (AP): Spanish cyclist Miguel Indurain conquered two first-class mountain passes yesterday, with the fifth and penultimate leg of the 45th Tour of Valencia race, while Tom Cordes of the Netherlands kept the yellow jersey of the overall leader.

WBA threats

HONOLULU, Feb 25, (AP): The World Boxing Association has warned super featherweight champion Jesus Salud it will remove his title if he does not defend it against the organisation's top challenger by March 31.

Road relay

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Feb 25, (UPI): Japanese runners outpaced their favourites the Soviet Union and China to clinch their first victory in the 1990 Yokohama international women's Ekiden Road Relay today in a time of two hours, 16 minutes and 31 seconds.

British soccer

LONDON, Feb 25, (Reuters): Results of British soccer matches played today:

English League Cup semifinal, second leg	0	Nottingham F.C.	0
Coventry	0	Nottingham Forest	2-1 on aggregate
Scottish Football Association (FA) Cup fourth round	0	Rangers	0
Celtic	1		



Becker: wants Lendl's No.1 ranking

Becker routs Lendl

Inter crush Napoli

Standings

	1	Genoa	1	Atlanta	26	10	9	7	28	26	29
Roma	0	AC Milan	4	Roma	26	10	9	7	32	34	29
Sampdoria	3	Fiorentina	0	Bologna	26	7	13	6	21	26	27
Udinese	1	Cesena	0	Lazio	26	6	12	8	27	24	24
				Bari	26	4	15	7	24	26	23
				Genoa	26	5	12	9	20	24	22
				Lecco	26	8	6	12	21	36	22
				Pescara	26	3	9	10	31	35	21
				Udinese	26	10	9	7	20	32	20
				Cesena	26	5	12	9	20	31	19
				Cremonese	26	4	10	12	25	37	18
				Verona	26	3	11	12	16	31	17
				Ascoli	26	2	12	12	15	31	16



Dutch soccer

Brazilian soccer star Romario (left) of PSV Eindhoven and FC Groningen's Jan van Dijk fight for the ball in a Dutch First Division match. The game, played yesterday ended in a 0-0 draw. (Reuters wirephoto)

Wimbledon jinx still haunts Aston Villa



Nicholas (left) scored the winner for Aberdeen.

almost as if they expected Wimbledon to produce something," he said.

"I felt that the players played

STUTTGART, West Germany, Feb 25, (Reuters): Wimbledon champion Boris Becker underlined his determination to knock Ivan Lendl off the top of world tennis by trouncing him 6-2 6-2 in the final of the million-dollar Stuttgart Classic ATP tournament today.

"I have played too many tournaments and done too much travelling," he said. "I have had enough. But this defeat has not had an effect on me regarding the number one spot."

Lendl, who normally relies on a strong baseline game, came forward to the net at a great deal to try to counter Becker's power and speed on the fast carpeted court.

But the West German held his strong serve well and constantly put Lendl's serve under pressure for key breaks in the first and seventh games of the first set and the third and seventh of the second.

"You have to remember that Lendl's strength is his consistency," Becker said. "He has reached the final of the last three tournaments he has played."

"We both dominate men's tennis. But I'm getting better and better. We will just have to see what happens this year."

Becker, who beat Lendl on his way to his third Wimbledon title last year, said the Czechoslovak was putting a lot of pressure on himself by fixing all his concentration on the Wimbledon tournament.

"On the one hand it is good that he can start early to practice on grass. But on the other he is putting so much pressure on himself for Wimbledon that I don't know what he will do if he doesn't win it," Becker said.

"It was very close last year at Wimbledon but he didn't lose because he could not play on grass. He lost because he could not stand the pressure."

The Czechoslovak has crammed in a large number of events into the early part of the year so that he can take a break from the clay-court season in May and June to concentrate on Wim-

bledon, the grass-court Grand Slam title he has never won in a decade in the top ten.

Fellow-Irishman Des Smyth shared third place two shots back with Spain's Severiano Ballesteros.

Darcy led throughout after a record-opening 64 at the Emirates Club to record his first victory since the 1987 Belgian Open and collect £45,823 (\$77,900).

"I lost a lot of interest in tournament golf last year and went home to Ireland for a four-month rest," he said. "But this has given me back my appetite. I proved I could still cope with the pressure and I'll scrap any retirement plans for the time being."

"The greatest satisfaction always comes from something you do yourself. I panicked a bit in the third round in the wind but today I had six birdies and played real solid."

are built up sometimes about the fight against Wimbledon.

"From the point when the penalty went in I was very disappointed. We probably had 20 minutes where we lost a lot of discipline and a lot of shape and we played like a beaten side."

Striker John Fashanu, back from injury for only his second League match of the year, shocked Villa with two goals in 12 minutes early in the second half, the first a penalty. Paul Miller added a third goal six minutes from time.

Wimbledon found a way past the cornerstone of Taylor's rebuilt side, a successful defensive trio of Derek Mountfield and two new signings this season, Dame Kent Nielsen and former Manchester United star Paul McGrath.

It was Mountfield who gave away the penalty, bringing down Fashanu after the striker had skilfully got past him.

"I was pleased with the way I got around Derek Mountfield before the penalty. Maybe if it had been Paul McGrath he would have caught me," Fashanu said.



Happy birthday, Alain

World Formula One champion, Alain Prost of France, celebrates his 35th birthday at a sky meeting of the Formula One drivers in the Italian resort of Cervinia on Saturday. Prost will be driving this season with Ferrari. He quit McLaren last year after a whole year of intense rivalry, mostly bitter, with Ayrton Senna. The latter was fined \$100,000 after an incident during the Japan Grand Prix last year for dangerous driving. Above: Prost blows out the candles on his cake. Right: Prost being congratulated by Prince Albert of Monaco. (Reuters wirephotos)

Soviets thrash US

PALO ALTO, California, Feb 25, (Reuters): The Soviet Union, despite missing a group of key players, thoroughly outplayed the United States national team 3-1 in a soccer friendly yesterday.

Vladimir Bessonov, Fedor Cherenkov and Oleg Protasov scored for the Soviets, and John Harkes netted the only US goal on a penalty kick in a game played before a crowd of 61,000 at Stanford Stadium.

Missing their foreign-based players and lacking like midfielders Igor Dobrovolsky and Alexei Mikhailichenko as well as captain Anatol Denisenko because of injury, the Soviets overpowered their hosts and seldom lost control of the match.

They took a 1-0 lead in the 29th minute when Bessonov drilled a shot from a sharp angle past US goalie Tooy Mcola. Captain Oleg Kuznetsov started the play with a pass that Fedor Cherenkov dummied and then slipped to Bessonov.

Increased US pressure led to their goal. Luzzy stopped Peter Vermes with a fierce tackle on the left side of the penalty area. American referee Vincent Mauro pointed to the spot and Harkes drove his kick under goal. Victor Chanov in the 42nd minute.

Just before the half, the Soviets took the lead for good. Bessonov drove a free kick from 22 yards into the defensive wall, but Cherenkov controlled the rebound and had time to line up a left-footed shot that tucked inside the far post.

Protasov, who came on at halftime, netted the third in the 68th minute on a side-footed pass from Andrey Zigmantov.

The Soviets dominated most of the remaining time, although Paul Caligiuri, whose goal gave the US team their World Cup-clinching win in Trinidad last November, volleyed over the crossbar from point-blank range with six minutes left.

Andersen opened the scoring in the 27th minute and hit his second — his 12th of the season — moments after Fritz Walter equalised for Stuttgart just after the break.

Stefan Studer made it 3-1 and Dieter Eckstein added two more.

Results

Waldhof 4 Kaiserlautern 0

Karlsruhe 2 Bayer L 0

Hamburg 6 Bayer U 0

Flensburg 4 Fortuna D 0

Eintracht F 5 VFB Stuttgart 0

Played on Friday:

FC Homburg 0 St Pauli 0

Cologne 1 Bayern Munich 1

Andersen on target twice

BONN, Feb 25, (Reuters): Norway's Joern Andersen became leading marksman in the West German Soccer Championship yesterday as the first full weekend of play since the winter break produced 30 goals.